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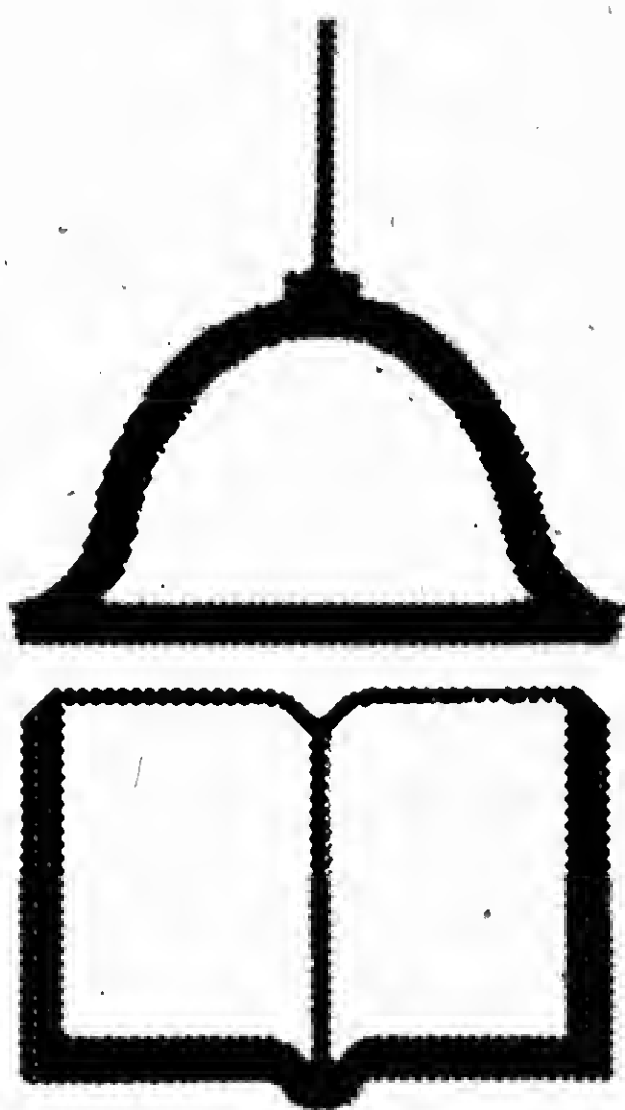
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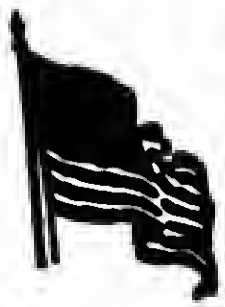
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1987-
1988**

**Mayor of
Evergreen Park
from 1968-2001**

**Mayors
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1995-1996**

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1985**

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Mayor Anthony Vacco

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AT REST
JANUARY 4, 2002

**Read the Village View's
tribute on Page 2.**

A Memorial Tribute from the Following:

CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE
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CITY OF HICKORY HILLS
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Mayor Anthony Vacco leaves behind a legacy

by Jude Coyle

Anthony J. Vacco passed away on Friday January 4. He leaves behind, not only family and friends who deeply cared about him, but also a legacy.

He served the Village of Evergreen Park for forty years plus, as Chairman/Zoning Board of Appeals, as Trustee and finally, he served thirty-three years as Mayor. (He was appointed in 1968 to serve the remaining six months after his predecessor had passed away.)

As Mayor, Anthony Vacco seemed to take every opportunity to pose for the camera. There are photos of him locked in a makeshift jail. The caption instructed onlookers to pay to have the Mayor released. Proceeds went to Misericordia. Other photos show him cutting ribbons at new businesses, planting trees, and shoveling dirt as a new section of sewer is laid.

Mayor Vacco helped many charities, and many individuals besides. His reputation for generosity is well known.

He enjoyed taking on the giants like the U.S. Post Office, and the various railroads. He said his finest accomplishment

was his twenty-year battle to bring Evergreen Park its own post office, and zip code.

What he didn't acknowledge was the number of improvements made to the infrastructure of Evergreen Park during his eight full terms. What follows is a small sample of those accomplishments.

1969 - 1973
In 1969, Mayor Vacco promised to be E.P.'s first full time mayor. The Village Board reached an agreement with the Police Department. Benefits and pay package represents highest salary increase in the area. First Fourth of July Parade first stepped off that year, too.

1970's began a decade of marked acceleration of public works projects, including widening and paving residential and commercial streets and hooking up storm sewers. Work was completed in 1981.

In 1970, E.P. qualified to become one of first home rule communities in Illinois. That same year efforts were made to relieve flooding problems when a 225-foot deep channel was built. It was called the Crawford Interceptor, and was part of the Deep Tunnel System. The

Recreation Department established in 1970 as well.

1972 the Village began a \$1.85 million sewer program to hook Evergreen Park up to Mt. Greenwood sewers. Mini Park # 2 opened at 95th, between Spaulding and Sawyer

1973 - 1977
The Office of Senior Citizens established. E.P. in 1973. Senior Citizens Information Center opened at 3131 W. 95th Street.

In 1974 the Evergreen Park Study and Action Association was created. The primary purpose was toward the preservation, stability and well being of the community.

On Western Avenue, sewers were rehabbed and streets were resurfaced in 1976. Dial-A-Bus Service began driving senior citizens and disabled adults for fifty cents a ride.

1977 - 1981
In 1977 a wing added to the Library.

In conjunction with Oak Lawn, new street lights installed on Pulaski Road, 91st to 99th Streets in 1978.

Winter of 78-79 - 92.7 inches of snow fell on Chicago area between late Nov. and late May. The City of Chicago and most of the suburbs were stifled by the continuous snow-fall. The E.P. Street Department kept up with the work.

In 1979 the Youth Commission was established.

In 1980, the Census reported that the Village had fallen to less than 25,000 residents. Home rule was automatically revoked. A referendum was brought before the residents, asking for a recommitment to home rule. It was overwhelmingly approved.

New Community Center opened at 3230 W. 98th Street. It has activity center, pool, full size basketball court and table tennis tables.

1981 - 1985
Village Pantry opened in 1982.

A paramedic program began in 1983.

1985 - 1989

Dramatic series, "Crime Story" filmed in E.P. in 1985.

Western Avenue was again resurfaced in 1987, this time curb work was included.

1989 - 1993

In 1990, a second firehouse and a pumping station was built.

The first computer system installed at the Library in 1993.

1993 - 1997

E.P. celebrated its 'Centennial' in 1993.

The new post office opened in 1995. E.P.'s zip code is 60805.

1997 - 2001

In 1999, the Village Board committed E.P. to a comprehensive redevelopment plan. Part of that included land at the Evergreen Cemetery. A new firehouse, ice rink and ball fields were erected in 2000.

And with all of this activity, Mayor Vacco proudly declared that in 2000, Evergreen Park is once more "...financially sound..."

Irish jigs and reels at library

The Smashing Woolly Jumpers will perform traditional Irish music 2 p.m. Sunday January 27, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Admission is free. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

This dynamic trio features Brendan Bulger on fiddle, Aileen Dillane on flute and Jim DeWan on guitar. They will play Irish jigs and reels and sing hauntingly beautiful songs from the Emerald Isle.

This concert is sponsored by The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their web site (www.liboak-lawn.il.us). For additional information, call Linda Olsen, Public Relations Officer, 708-422-4990.

Griffin to address Kiwanis of Oak Lawn

Casey Griffin, Deputy Recorder for the Office of Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene Moore, will speak before the Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn on January 23 at 10 a.m. in the V.F.W. Hall at 9520 S. 52nd Avenue in Oak Lawn.

Ray Ristow, coordinator, announced that Casey will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Mr. Griffin assists in managing the second largest recorder of deeds office in the country. His duties include overseeing the day-to-day office operations, with special emphasis on customer service.

Mr. Casey attended the University of Nebraska majoring in political science and elementary education.

Evergreen Park passes appropriations for 2002

by Jude Coyle

Officials of the Evergreen Park Village Board used the January 7, 2002 Regular Board Meeting to conduct public hearings on the 2001-02 appropriations budget. Without no audience input, the Board passed the appropriations as written.

A total of \$18,074,179 will be appropriated to various departments during the fiscal year beginning on 11/1/01, and ending on 10/31/02. \$879,261 will be appropriated to General Administration; \$1,327,852 to the Street Dept.; \$4,547,186 to the Police Dept.; \$1,967,705 to the Fire Dept.; \$118,200 to Citizens Services; \$285,297 to the Parks Dept.; \$359,651 to the Recreation Dept.; \$98,700 to the Youth Commission; \$70,250 to the Building Dept.; \$92,400 to the Community Center; \$500,000 to Property Maintenance; \$3,837,712 to other expenditures; \$1,021,689 Debt Fund Transfer; \$655,080 to the Sewer

Dept.; \$2,313,196 to the Water Dept.

Ordinance # 2-2002 amends Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code. After 30 days of the closing of a business, the Building Commissioner can require business owners to remove signage from their businesses. Trustee Smith asked if this relates to 'for sale signs.' No, he was told, it does not. This particular move was made because of instances when owners have left signs up for years after they had gone out of business.

Ordinance 3-2002 also passed. This allows bars and restaurants serving liquor to open at 11:00 on Sunday morning. This is in response to a letter

from Carol McKeone, owner of Tailgate Bill's in Evergreen Park. According to Ms. McKeone, other open early on Sunday morning and their competition is killing her Sunday business, particularly on game day.

Engineer Robert Boehm reported that the 91st Street Contractor has begun work on the street light foundations and underground cable. He will put in wiring for the traffic light on Western sometime this month.

Chief Ed Clohessy requested that the Board allow him to seek bids on an addition to the concession stand in Duffy Park. This was agreed to.

Marist students featured

Marist High School seniors, Thomas Watson (Palos Park) and Edward Ryan (Palos Park) were recently featured in a commercial for St. Francis Hospital. Watson and Ryan volunteer for St. Francis through a senior service class offered through Marist. The commercial is

planned to air through the month of January. When volunteering, Watson and Ryan work in the emergency room and assist at the information desk. Ryan plans to attend the Milwaukee School of Engineering and Watson plans to attend Marquette University in the fall.

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Village Board recommends improvements at Water's Edge

By: F.J. Soczek

The Worth Village board is expected to vote Tuesday on whether to approve numerous capital improvement recommendations suggested for the Water's Edge Golf Course for the upcoming 2002 season.

The suggestions were initially presented by Kemper Sports Management last year for possible approval at the November 20th board meeting to allow for adequate time to secure contractors and equipment prior to the course's reopening in March, 2002.

Several Village trustees questioned the total capital improvement purchases, which Kemper listed as \$128,392 and maintenance equipment lease/purchases of \$7,392.

Approximately \$47,000 was approved in November for blacktopping the parking lot.

Kemper suggested the following, listed in order of priority:

1) Complete exterior painting of the clubhouse and cart building, \$15,000; an additional \$10,000 is budgeted for painting the inside of the clubhouse for a total of \$25,000.

2) MWRD Drainage Project, which entails lengthening and deepening of the pond between holes 6 and 7, \$15,000.

3) Teebox Additions, which involve adding two additional teeboxes to hole #3 to lengthen the yardage, as well as enlarging the existing teebox on hole #16 to relieve some of the stress involved, \$13,000.

4) Tree pruning around the course to improve the airflow around the greens and trees along with replacing strategic trees considered to be in peril, \$8,000.

5) Installation of split-rail fencing to provide a barrier on the property running along Harlem, \$7,500.

6) Continue clubhouse landscaping (third phase) of the front of the facility along Harlem Ave, to complete the four year process, \$17,000.

7) Complete pavement of the maintenance building parking lot to alleviate dust problems and increase the equipment cleaning area, \$15,000.

8) Add a second aerator to the pond on hole #18, for beautification purposes and improving the visual aesthetic from the clubhouse, \$7,500.

The following are included under the Maintenance/Lease budget (\$28,000 total):

1) Lease of a Jacobson truckster for hauling equipment and materials on the course, \$4,588; additional lawn mower attachment for improved course grooming, \$4,926; portable radios (6-7) \$2,500; four Greensking Walking Greens Mowers with trailers to provide a smoother and more consistent putting surface, \$15,204.

In a financial statement prepared for the first six months ending October 31, 2001, The Water's Edge Golf Course lists (under Net income) the YTD Budget at \$1,070,494.

The YTD Actual total is recorded at \$670,498, which is 62.63% or almost \$400,000 less than the anticipated amount.

The Village Board temporarily curtailed restaurant activities at the clubhouse shortly before the Christmas holidays in a belt-tightening measure.

Steve Dell of Kemper Sports Management conducted a market analysis to better target awareness of the Water's Edge Golf Course.

Dell noted the golf market reached a plateau in 1999 and remained relatively flat through 2001.

Despite an increase in beginning and junior golfers, Dell explained the number of new golf courses has been growing, with approximately 200 new facilities being added each year since 1998.

"This equates to more supply than demand," Dell stated. "With more options for players in which to choose than in years, replay rounds and customer loyalty are utmost priorities," he added.

Kemper plans an aggressive media marketing program for 2002, increasing the advertising budget from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Included are radio ads, a mailing list, newspaper ads, brochures, trade shows and website.

Despite the recent economic downturns and perennial vagaries in the weather, Dell remains optimistic for the upcoming Spring season at Water's Edge.

Chef says thinking like a chef is concept of good cooking

by Joyce Macey

When the Chicagoland Fishing, Hunting, Travel & Outdoors Show opens Wednesday, Jan. 16 through Sunday the 20th, Chef Myron Becker of Myron's Fine Foods in Massachusetts will tell his audience not to be afraid to dare to be different when experimenting with spices and sauces in their cooking.

"In other words think like a chef," he said. The chef will hold several food related, fish/wild game seminars about cooking during the annual show at the Sport Show to be held at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, (formerly called the Rosemont Convention Center).

He will demonstrate culinary techniques with wild game and fish at 5 pm at his show booth; repeating the same program on the 17th at 4 pm, and on Friday, the 18th at 3:30 and 4 pm. The same show will be held on Saturday at 1 and 4 pm and on the last day, Sunday, the 20th at 11:30 am, and 2 pm.

Becker began his food business from a food concession wagon, depicting a Japanese yakitori restaurant. He served in the U.S. Navy in Japan in the 1960's, which led to his interest in Oriental cooking. One thing led to the other and today Becker and his wife, Kathy, own and operate Myron's Fine Foods and sell seven gourmet Oriental sauces which Becker said are made from the finest ingredients like fresh ginger and three-year-old Japanese soy sauce.

The sauces retail for about \$4.50 a bottle.

Becker noted that when marinating game meat the cook must consider the cut of the meat, larger, cheaper cuts require more marinade, and the type of animal the meat came from. Game meats are tougher because the animals are active.

Soy sauce contains glutamic acid needed for the marinade. Also needed is wine or vinegar and some kind of oil. Becker said usually three hours is sufficient for a game meat marinade.

He credits his parents, especially his 94-year old mother, who is in Florida with her 87-year old sister.

"Mom can still cook a meal for 12 without batting

an eye," Becker added.

For more information and ticket prices to the show call 800-511-8376. The show opens at 2 pm, on the 19th, and 10 am on the remaining 7 days.

Kids Day is Saturday, January 19th. They will receive free tackle boxes and participate in the Kids Day treasure hunt from 10 am to 7 pm. A Chicagoland Open Goose Calling Championship takes place from 11 am to 4 pm and the Cadens Kennel dog demo on the 16th.

To also thrill the kids is Brody, the 1,200 pound Kodiak bear, part of a bear safety program at 3:30 pm. Serpent Safari every day with a rare albino alligator and the world's largest snake in captivity, plus programs on river walleye fishing, a trout pond, and demos on carp angling, and strategies in bass fishing by champion Joe Balog. There are also numerous sporting display.

Following are two recipes from Chef Becker.

Yokohama Chicken Salad with Chef Myron's Yakitori Sauce

Bed of Tokyo Salad as above, Boneless chicken, Chef Myron's Yakitori and Ponzu Sauce

*Prepare Tokyo Salad as above.

*Poach chicken in 50/50 mix of water and Chef Myron's Yakitori Sauce until springy to the touch.

*Slice Chicken in 1/4" slices across the grain and fan out over salad.

*Dress with Chef Myron's Ponzu.

Grilled Shrimp with Ponzu

10 uncooked extra-large shrimp, peeled and deveined, 2 cups thinly sliced Napa Cabbage or Romaine lettuce, 1/2 cup Chef Myron's Ponzu Sauce

*Prepare barbecue (medium high heat)

*Pour about 1/2 cup Chef Myron's Ponzu Sauce into a bowl.

*Add shrimp, toss to coat.

*Marinate shrimp in sauce about 10 minutes.

*Drain shrimp, saving marinade in small sauce.

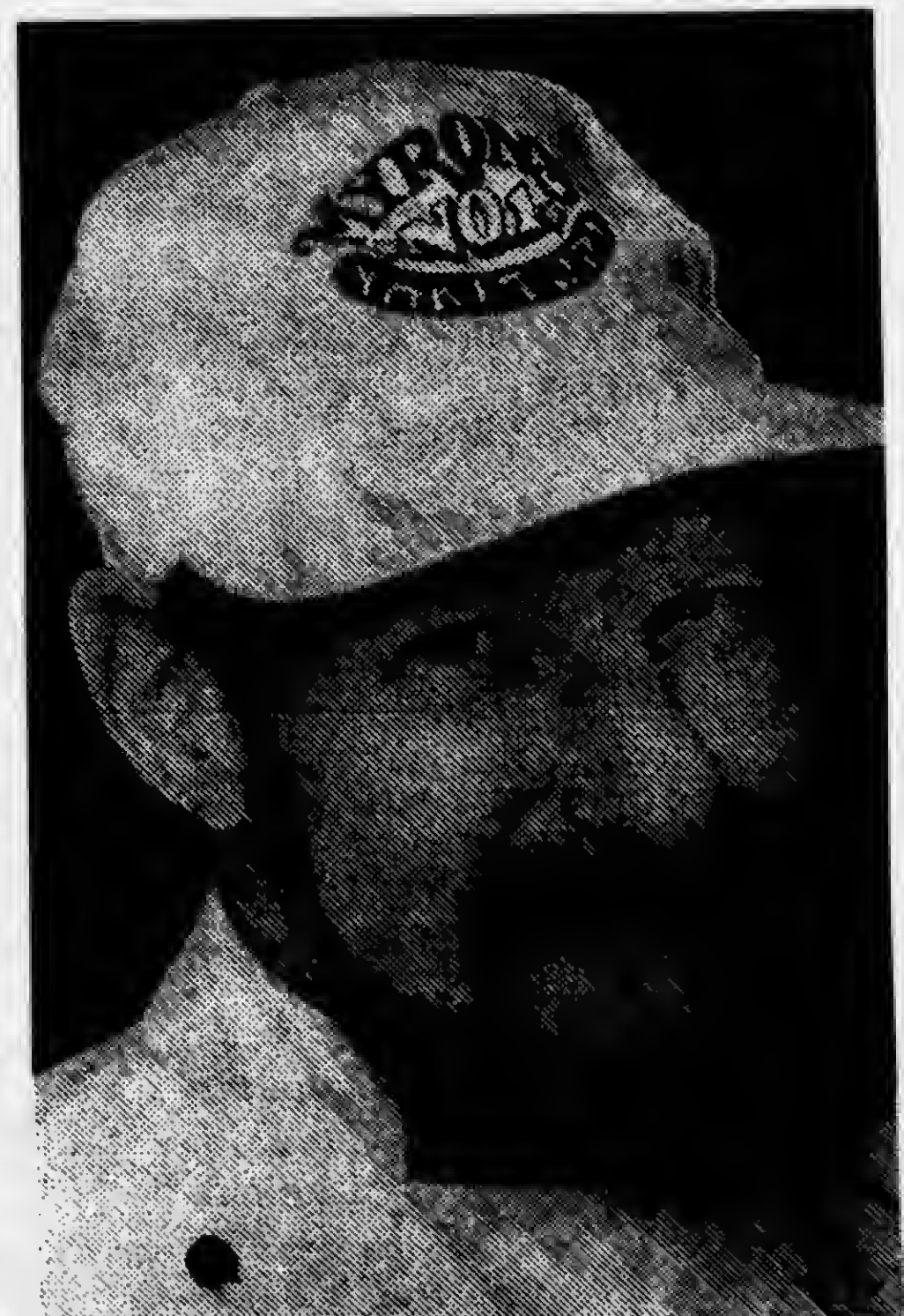
*Grill shrimp until just opaque in center, flip to other side. To retain juices, flip only once.

*Meanwhile, gently warm Ponzu sauce; turn off heat when sauce is pleasantly warm, not hot.

*Divide greens between 2 plates.

*Drizzle with warm Chef Myron's Ponzu Sauce.

*Top with Shrimp.



Chef Myron Becker of Myron's Fine Foods in Massachusetts is cooking at the Chicagoland Fishing, Hunting, Travel & Outdoors Show

CR Engineer discusses Ditch

by Jude Coyle

Mayor Gene Siegel used the January 8th Village Board of Trustee Meeting to pass along checks to various community groups. The checks represented profits made at the 2001 RidgeFest. Boy Scout Troop 665, Brownie Troop 500, Cub Scouts of CR, School District 127-1/2, CR Friendship Club, the CR Park District, the Library, the Youth Service Bureau, Girl Scout Troop 005, Our Lady of the Ridge School, the Queen of the Ridge program, Ridge Village Seniors,

and the Southwest Wall Hockey League each received a portion.

Village Engineer Dr. Christopher Burke reported that Village officials met with the Army Corp. of Engineers concerning the Stony Creek project. The Corp. plans to move Melvina Ditch to meet up with Stony Creek on the opposite side of the Chicago Ridge Mall. Before any work can be done in that regard, the banks of the Melvina Ditch must be reinforced. They are crumbling due to

erosion.

ESDA asked for \$7,243 to purchase a new light tower. This was also budgeted for. Both requests were approved.

In closing, Mayor Siegel passed on his regrets over the passing of former Mayor Tony Vacco of Evergreen Park. "We lost one of the good mayors," Siegel said. "...He talked me into home rule... One of the best things we could do..."



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***Water Signs:** Did you think that you could actually walk away from decision making this year? Think again. There are many things to accomplish...so, get working on your stamina and take your Acidophilus as well as drinking more water and walk-a-lot! F and someone from the State of Florida is involved.

***Earth Signs:** Whatever else you do this year, make a new budget for yourself and family. Apparently many of you will want to travel-a-lot and have some fun. There are so many things to mention to you about this year ahead, but not enough room to print it all. There are ups n' downs, but mostly "ups" so, don't fret the small stuff! R involved and someone who sells Real Estate!

***Fire Signs:** If you are asked to lend money, make sure that you have in writing a repayment agreement. This is a week of surprises and a lot of good tidings. Someone will ask you to join in with them in a venture. This can be good if you know what to do and when to do it. D and A may suggest a "second job situation" you could get into part time. So much to look forward to.

***Air Signs:** You cannot adopt the "hurray for me and the heck with you" or "hurray for today and the heck with tomorrow" attitude even though you may want to. Someone T and R may be very involved in this week's activities and you would do well to listen to what they have to say and look into what they have to offer. Real Estate matters could come up suddenly.

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Jacki Mari

A Letter to the Editor

Before this year closes, I wish to acknowledge the 40th anniversary of the Oak Lawn Professional Fire Department. On August 1, 1961, the village of Oak Lawn appointed their first full-time fire chief; Elmore J. "Ollie" Harker. Having been on the fire department for 32 years; 26 years as Volunteer Chief, "Ollie" worked hard to make Oak Lawn Fire Department a full time department. On September 15, 1961, 6 men were named to man 3 shifts. They were Earl Vogelsanger, Don Matejka, Chas "Bud"

Boecker, James Kalb, Don Lambrigger and Joe Heun. Chief Harker, Sr. worked very hard also to obtain a pension plan for fireman and policemen. He was Police chief and Fire Chief. He died short of 3 months for his widow to receive his pension. Before he died, he learned his son, Elmore J. "Al" Harker made the full time list but never was able to see him in a uniform. They Became the first father and son Full time Fire Chiefs for the Village of Oak lawn Fire Dept. E.J. "Al" Harker became chief on August 1, 1976, fifteen years to the day that his dad became chief,

Mary Lou Harker

Bill Frank named CSCOC Chairman

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce has named Homewood businessman Bill Frank (TravelBrokers/Carlson Wagonlit Travel) Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2002.

Frank served as Chairman-Elect in 2001 and will be formally installed as Chairman at the Annual Recognition Dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 1 at the Performing Arts Center at Governors State University in University Park.

"We have made some positive strides and we look for Bill Frank to continue moving us forward," Southland Chamber of Commerce President Michael Seward said. "Bill has served us well in the past and we look for him to give us great leadership in the year 2002."

The CSCOC is a regional organization serving a population of 2.5 million in 71 communities in the area bounded by Chicago on the north, Northwest Indiana on the east, Kankakee on the south and Joliet on the west.

Opera trip hosted by Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a bus trip to see an evening performance of "The Magic Flute" at the Lyric Opera of Chicago on Monday, March 11. In-person registration will be held 9-11a.m. on Saturday, January 26 at the Library.

The cost of the trip, which includes motorcoach transportation and reserved upper balcony seating is \$62 for members, \$64 for all others. The bus departs at 6 p.m. and will return at 12:30 a.m.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity

A tribute to a friend

Another new year has begun, and with its new beginning comes the sentimental memories of yesterdays that bring thoughts of oldest and dearest friends to mind.

I was around the same time that I began writing this column that my husband Bill and I found out that a close friend, Virgil Smith, had been diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer.

At the time, I wrote a column about his incredible strength and courage in the face of struggling with risky treatments and painful procedures.

I remember the night Bill and I went out to dinner with Virgil and his wife Gloria, shortly after finding out about his illness. I can still remember the queasy feeling I had in the pit of my stomach, at the thought of the conversation inevitably turning to the topic of Virgil's cancer.

But, when the subject came up, I found myself more enlightened than dumfounded, and this is where the inspiring part of the story unfolds.

Virgil broke the ice, of awkwardness, that night by relaying a conversation he had with his doctor on how he was handling life with cancer.

When the doctor asked how he was dealing with thoughts of mortality, Virgil answered the doctor with a question of his own, "How are you dealing with yours?" It has been 3 years since that night we shared dinner, a night that provided me with a humble reality that it is not the crosses we are given to bear, but how we bear them that really matters.

I am so very happy to report that our dear friend Virgil is still a shining example that, although none of us can do much about the adversity in our lives, we certainly do have a choice in how we handle it!

Thoughts of this gentle man, with a BIG attitude, often comes to mind - but especially more so at this sentimental time of year.

Bill and Virgil met as co-workers, many years ago, and soon became fast friends after office hours.

Throughout the years he could be found sitting at our kitchen table, sharing coffee and conversation; never ceasing to amaze us with his outrageous sense of humor which, by the way has hasn't dimmed with time. But, life wasn't always a barrel of laughs.

It seems like a lifetime ago that Virgil and bill both found themselves unexpectedly out of a job. The year was 1983 and it happened right before the holidays. Both were young fathers with small children. We all solemnly welcomed in the new year -- that year with hopes of financial opportunity and renewed prosperity.

I'll never forget a kind gesture on Virgil's part one cold February evening when he placed a \$50 bill on the table with a request that Bill "put some meat in that freezer."

Friends - they help each other out when times are lean. They laugh through the good times and, stand tall for each other when sharing in unasked for obstacles that life throws their way.

And now, here we are, almost 2 decades later still enjoying friendships of the everlasting kind.

Various cards expressing 'get well wishes' and 'thinking of you' sentiments cover the walls of Virgil and Gloria's tidy home. Every heartfelt message is acknowledged and appreciated by this middle-aged man with an ironclad resolve to win his battle with cancer.

His spirit is strong, but he has 1 goal -- to live life to the fullest. And as the gift of each new day allows him the pleasure to wake up in his beloved wife's arms - he will continue to be a source of great inspiration to all who call him friend

This column is dedicated to all those who are living with cancer, and who are so courageously carrying on, despite the hardships an setbacks. May God continue to bless you and keep you in his care

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Tickets are now on sale for a brand new production of Disney on Ice, as toy favorites Woody and Buzz Lightyear return to star in Disney/Pixar's *Toy Story 2*. This all-new comedy-action-adventure ice show has all the favorite characters from the first film--Woody, Buzz, Rex, Bo Peep, Hamm, Slinky Dog, and the Green Army Men--and welcomes new friends: Jessie, Bullseye and the Prospector. The show opens at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, January 23-27, and then it heads to Chicago's United Center January 29-February 10.

The show features a show-stopping Act 1 finale of five traffic cones, 16 custom-built cars, one 30-foot long semi truck, and a couple of hundred gallons of toothpaste.

Tickets may be purchased at the Allstate Arena box office or the United Center box office, and at all Ticketmaster locations. You can order tickets by phone, at 312/559-1212, or purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are \$10.75, \$17.75 and \$22.75, with a limited number of \$50 VIP seats available.

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Pictured are ZAZZ! Bachelor and Bachelorettes (l-r) Mario DiFoggio, Chicago; Kathy Kelly; Denise Ernst of Oak Lawn; and Robert Suchan of Palos Hills.

13th Annual ZAZZ! Charity singles party

Attention, singles! On February 8, 2002, join over 1,000 single men and women when Park Lawn holds its 13th annual ZAZZ! Singles Party at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills.

Join Gene Honda, Chicago White Sox and Blackhawks announcer, as he emcees an exciting evening that includes a live bachelor and bachelorette auction, silent auction of unique specialty

items, an open bar (7-9:30 p.m.), dancing, hors d'oeuvre buffet, raffles, door prizes and more.

"ZAZZ is one of the most unique singles events around. Though a number of people focus on the date auction, most people come back each year just to have a great time and meet new people," said Doris Marks, Director of Development for Park Lawn. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tick-

ets are \$30 in advance, and \$30 at the door. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. You must be 21 or older to attend. Proceeds will benefit the children and adults with developmental disabilities enrolled in Park Lawn School and Activity Center. Call the Park Lawn Development Office at (708)425-6867 for tickets.

McFarland named G.M of Florida resort

Michael McFarland has joined Palm Island Resort, an Island Resort on Florida's Southwest Gulf Coast, as General Manager of Resort Operation.

"We are confident that Mike McFarland's impressive background will benefit Palm Island Resort. He will work closely with current General Manager Dick Dunham, who will remain at the resort as Director of Sales & Marketing," said President Dean Beckstead.

A 10-year travel industry veteran, McFarland's experience includes management positions at hotels and resorts in Indiana, including his most recent position as Director of Operations for the Oakwood Inn & Conference Center, a 42-acre waterfront resort near Fort Wayne. While there, he directed projects from construction through

opening, including a 30,000 square foot conference center, and managed six departments with more than 150 employees. Prior to that, he worked with the Fort Wayne, Indiana Convention & Visitors Bureau. He earned an associate of science degree in hospitality management at Purdue University and is a Certified Hotel Administrator.

Palm Island Resort, located in Cape Haze, features one, two and three bedroom villas on private, white sand beaches that are perfect for relaxation or water sports. The resort is a popular spot for tennis, fishing, boating and canoeing, a Kid's Club, a resident pirate named Red Beard, the Rum Bay Restaurant and General Store, nature programs, and more.

For reservations, call 1-800-824-5412.

Advance Bank Prosperity Club sponsors trip

Travel with the Advance Bank Prosperity Club as they visit the *Cleopatra of Egypt* exhibit at The Field Museum of Chicago on Wednesday, January 30.

Spectacular artifacts from the world's great Egyptian and classical art collections reveal Cleopatra's life and liaisons. After opening in Rome and London, this exclusive exhibition will travel to Chicago, the only North American venue and the last stop on the tour. Please note that headsets have been reserved for the entire group.

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Nolan appointed to Valor Review Board

William Nolan, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7, was officially appointed to the Medal of Valor Review Board on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, by J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House.

Speaker Hastert stated, "It is especially important at this time in our nation's history that the Medal of Valor be given to recognize those who risk their lives to protect others. I am confident that you



William Nolan

will find and honor those who are deserving of this award."

Hastert went on to say "on behalf of a grateful Congress and nation, thank you for your willingness to serve on the Medal of Valor Review Board."

Madigan honored by Sertoma

Sertoma Speech and Hearing announced that Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan will be among those honored at their 8th Annual Mardi Gras Benefit on February 2nd. In appreciation of all their efforts, Sertoma chose to honor the individuals and organizations who were instrumental in acquiring the funds needed to purchase a new mobile unit. The mobile unit is used by the sertoma staff to test the hearing of individuals at both community health events and onsite for at risk industrial facilities.

In addition to House

Speaker Madigan, Andrew Foundation, Chicago Lawn Sertoma club, Countryside Bank and the Sertoma Foundation will also be honored at Mardi Gras.

The gala evening will be hosted at Palos Country Club. The event will include a "Cajun" dinner buffet, silent auction and continuous entertainment throughout the evening. All proceeds from this event will benefit the "Neediest Client" fund at Sertoma.

For More information, call Sertoma in Palos Hills, 708-599-9500 or in Homewood, 708-957-7122.

St. Francis Hospital labs accredited

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center in Blue Island are proud to announce the accreditation of two of its state-of-the-art diagnostic areas:

The Echocardiography Lab was accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories. Echocardiography is a painless procedure that employs a complex imaging technique to provide valuable information regarding both heart structure and valve flow.

The Vascular Lab was announced by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Labs. Because patients with blocked heart vessels often have obstructions in locations including the arms and legs, the Vascular lab at St. Francis offers a painless way to examine vessels other than the heart.

St. Francis Hospital installs new system

The Radiology Department at St. Francis Hospital recently installed a new, sophisticated system that offers physicians a non-invasive method of cardiac imaging including visualization of coronary plaque. The HeartView™ CT is a unique technology that performs highly specialized cardiac imaging including a new and improved technique of calcium scoring, a diagnostic tool used to evaluate calcified coronary artery plaques; a well know risk factor for coronary artery disease. The technique works in conjunction with a general purpose CT system.

HeartView™ cardiac imaging at St. Francis is a

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Join us on Saturday, January 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for this Lunch 'N' Learn Workshop. The cost for this luncheon is \$35 and it includes program materials and luncheon. The workshop will be held at the Orland Township Activity Center, 15100 94th Ave, Orland Park, IL.

screening test for people who are at risk for heart disease. This technique also offers an alternative follow-up method for patients who have undergone invasive therapy such as grafts or stents.

Physician referral is not necessary for this test. For more information on HeartView™ cardiac imaging, call the Radiology Department at (708)597-2000 ex. 5331.

Genetics: Decoding Life debuts as Museum of Science & Industry

On January 11, the Museum of Science and Industry began to take guests to the dynamic new frontier of genetic science with the opening of the Museum's new permanent exhibit, *Genetics: Decoding Life*.

The 7,000 square-foot exhibit allows visitors to discover the complex and exciting interplay between their genes and environmental clues that produce new life. From gene therapy to cloning, guests will be immersed in real-life stories and will have an opportunity to register their opinions on these controversial topics.

The only remaining building from the 1893 World's Fair, the Museum of Science and Industry has been named one of the 15 great museums in the world by LIFE magazine. For information on museum hours and admission fees, please call 773/684-1414 or visit www.msichicago.org.



Zoiks! Scooby Doo live

Scooby Doo and Shaggy make their stage debut in "Scooby Doo in Stagefright" at the Rosemont Theatre, February 8-17, 2002. The teen sluths and their cowering great dane solve the mystery of a supernatural spectre wreaking havoc at an old movie studio.

Rest Haven Central networking groups

An Alzheimer's/Dementia Networking Group will be held in the Richard Mulder Chapel of Rest Haven Central (13259 S. Central in Palos Heights) on January 31 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will focus on "Spirituality and Dementia", and will be presented by Chaplain Harold Rust. There will be ample time to exchange information and ask questions. The general public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Rev. Harold Rust at (708)824-2579.

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The CSCVB deals directly with over 60 hotels and motels in the region and you can book blocks of rooms for local reunion attendees and out of town guests. By booking through the Bureau, you can save money and guarantee

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When booking your event through the CSCVB, your reunion guests will receive name badges and table tents for the festivities. Visitor Guides and other Bureau guides to help them become familiar with the Southland and its many amenities, and plastic participant bags to keep everything organized.

So, if you're in charge of planning the next reunion, call Mary Patchin, Reunion Specialist for the CSCVB, at 708-895-8200.

55 Alive

The next session of "55 Alive", which is a Defensive Driving Program sponsored by AARP, will be offered on Thursday, February 7 and Friday, February 8 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Maher Community Center at 3450 W. 97th Street in Evergreen Park.

Reservations are necessary (attendance for both classes is mandatory). You may register in person at Room 107, or by mail, sending a \$10 check payable to AARP with your name, address and phone number to:

Office of Citizens Services
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Father Bob Rohrich to speak at Sacred Heart

Father Bob Rohrich will present a talk entitled *Ask & Receive: The Prayer of Jabez* on January 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

This recent best seller informs us: "Divine gifts are present for the asking but they must be petitioned, otherwise they remain in the heavenly warehouse unused," inferring humans frequently place limitations on God's goodness simply because we fail to ask.

The presentation will take place in the Sacred Heart Church's gym located at 8245 West 111th St. in Palos Hills. Refreshments will be served and bookmarks will be given away.



Joanie Laurer

"World of Wheels" comes to Chicago

Chicago's 40th Annual CARQUEST World of Wheels peels into Chicago's McCormick Place North February 1-3. Millions of dollars of custom cars, trucks, motorcycle, hot rods, street machines and more will fill the docket at one of the country's largest indoor custom shows.

Extreme souped-up racers from the summer hit film *The Fast and the Furious* will be featured, as well as Joanie Laurer, formerly known as

"Chyna" on the World Wrestling Federation. Also appearing will be Cindy Williams of TV's "Laverne & Shirley" fame, and NASCAR driver John Andretti, among others.

Event hours are 5-10 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and younger. Call (708)354-4014 or visit www.worldofwheels.com for more information.



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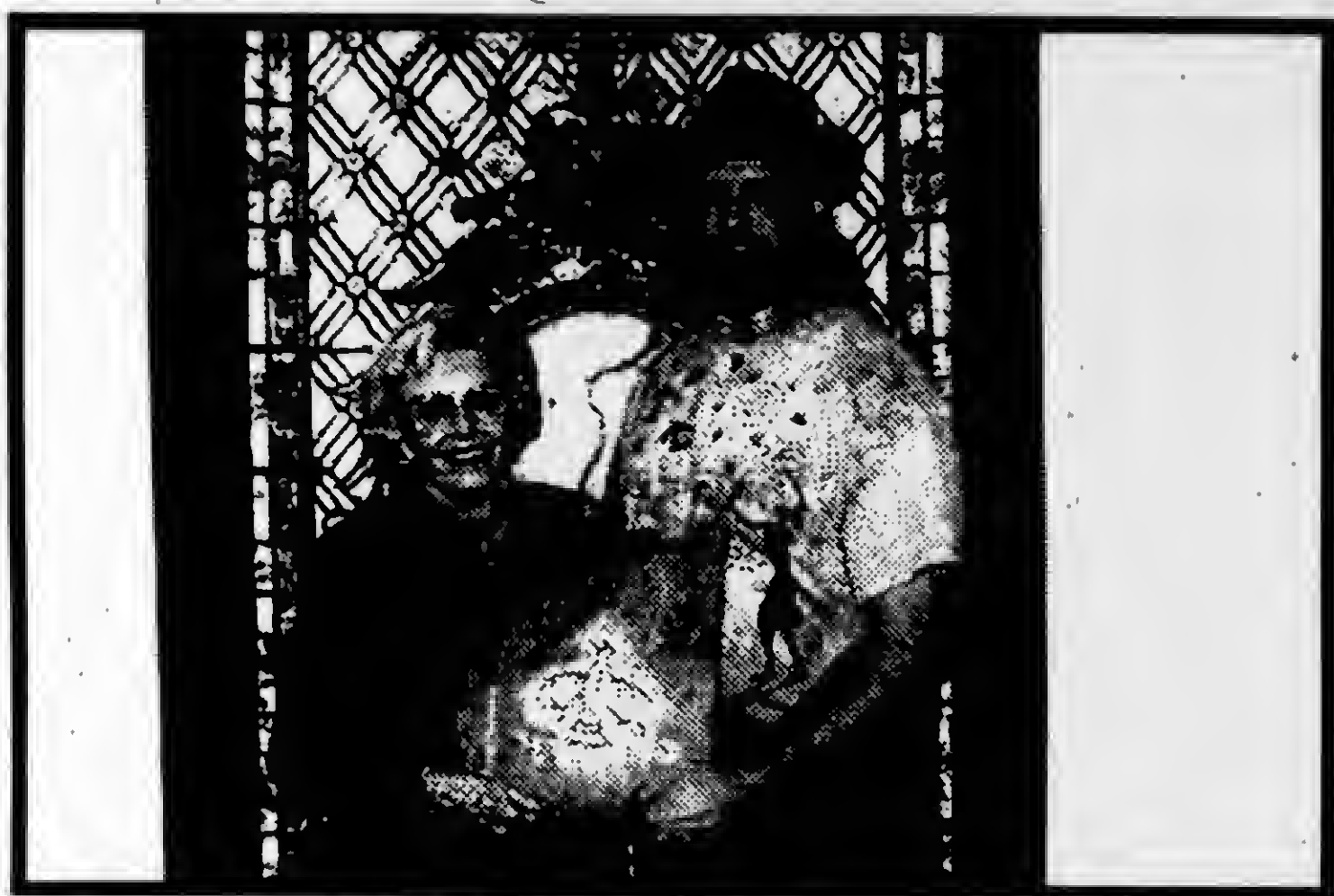
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Advance Bank announces essay contest

Advance Bank announces a scholarship competition that entitles Illinois high school seniors to enter a statewide essay-writing contest. It is all part of a program sponsored by Illinois community banks and the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking to increase public awareness of locally owned banks and their contributions to the community.

Advance Bank is a member of the Community Bankers Association (CBAI) which formed the Foundation in 1996. A scholarship amount of \$1,000 a year for up to 4 years of higher education will be awarded to the author of the best essay submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating Illinois high school senior. Up to 12 additional \$1,000 awards are available in each of the

regions of the state. An additional \$500 will be awarded to the high school overall winner.

Advance Bank is accepting essays from high school seniors who live in communities where the bank has an office. The short essay should be submitted on the Theme: "What makes a community bank successful?"

Entry forms can be obtained through your local Advance Bank office. Completed entry form with essay (original and one copy) must be returned before February 15th, 2002 for forwarding to Springfield. Winners will be notified directly by the CBAI.

Based in Springfield, Illinois, the CBAI is a professional association representing more than 520 banks and thrifts throughout Illinois

Winter break luncheons in Evergreen Park

The Office of Citizen's Services, 3450 W. 97th St. in Evergreen Park, offers the following luncheons:

The January 30th luncheon will begin at noon and have

a menu consisting of chili, salad, crackers, cornbread, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$5 and the deadline is January 25th.

The February 27th luncheon will begin at noon and have a menu consisting of meatloaf sandwich, chicken soup, crackers, tapioca pudding and a beverage. Tickets are \$6 and the deadline is February 22nd.

For more information call (708) 422-8776.



Journalism, Mechanical and other courses

Moraine Valley offers two Journalism courses during the spring 2002 semester-Introduction to Mass Communications and News Writing I. Journalism classes are electives that any student can enroll in, but can also be used to supplement students who wish to pursue a four-year degree in Journalism or Communication.

The college also offers a variety of Mechanical and Fluid Power Maintenance courses for the spring 2002 semester. Courses include Machinery Moving and Setup, Fundamentals of Industrial Electricity, Mechanical Systems II, and Pneumatics.

Music classes are also on the spring 2002 schedule. The following courses are offered: Basic Musicianship, Music Theory I, Intro to American Music, Music Appreciation, Class Piano I and II, Class Voice, Class Guitar, Individual Voice Instruction I through IV, Advanced Voice Instruction I through II, Individual Piano Instruction I through IV, Moraine Valley Chamber Singers I through

Museum of Science & Industry revises free admission schedule

Admission to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago is free on Thursdays until January 21, but the museum announced that it has revised its free day schedule to allow Chicagoans greater access to the Museum. Mondays and Tuesdays from January 21-February 28; the first Monday and Tuesday in June, and Mondays and Tuesdays August 19-December 17.

The museum also announced special exhibits for 2002 which include:

Genetics: Opens January 11. "Genetics: Decoding Life" examines the role that genes and genetic technology play in our daily lives. This 7,000 square foot exhibit will feature a variety of interactives for visitors to discover cutting edge genetic science.

Black Creativity: Hip Hop-The Culture, The Sound, The Science:

Black Creativity 2002 promises to be a good time for all, featuring an exhibit on loan from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

The Human Body: At the Henry Crown Space Center Omnimax Theater, the Learning Channel and BBC Worldwide present a Discovery Pictures/BBC Scienceworld production that captures the experiences of the working human body for the first time on the big screen.

Also at the Henry Crown Space Center Omnimax Theater is *Greatest Places*, through February 28. The film takes guests on a journey to the highest sand dunes in the Namib Desert to the blue icebergs of Greenland.

For information on these or other programs at the museum, please call (773)684-1414.

Beverly Center Fundraising ongoing

More than 200 residents of Beverly/Morgan Park, Mt. Greenwood and surrounding southwest side neighborhoods ventured out on one of Chicago's not-so-typically cold December afternoons to don hard hats and get a sneak preview of the new Beverly Art Center (BAC) under construction at 111th & Western. Held on Saturday, December 8, the event featured guided tours of the two-thirds complete building, carolers, and refreshments.

Among the features that will distinguish the new art center are a 420-seat theater, scene shop, cafe, multiple art and music classrooms, a large dance studio, and more.

"As we expected, many visitors commented that the space was much bigger and more elaborate than they had expected," said Executive Director Steve McBride. "Since our pre-open house, a number of residents came forward to make donations."

If you would like to donate, please call 773/445-3838.

Magazine helps you to find out about Illinois happenings

From eagle watching to snow sculpting competitions, there are many winter travel experiences to take advantage of in "Illinois NOW!" Currently, available, the winter issue features hundreds of ideas for traveling in Illinois during January and February and includes a chance for readers to win a luxurious weekend for 2 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago.

The 40-page magazine includes a winter calendar of fairs and festivals and several travel features. Stories include suggestions on romantic weekend getaways, a culture guide, even an article about where to find bald eagles.

To obtain a free copy of "Illinois Now!", call 800-2CONNECT or visit www.enjoyillinois.com

Growth in Mount Greenwood

In 1907, Mt. Greenwood was established enabling local businesses the opportunity to provide travelers with food, refreshments and lodging. 95 years later, Mt. Greenwood continues to meet the needs of the community with the growth of new businesses in the neighborhood. Current plans for the development of Mt. Greenwood's business district will be presented by guest speaker, Mary Kiedrow, Executive Director of the Mount Greenwood Local Redevelopment Corporation.

There will be a discussion on Monday, January 28 at 6:45 p.m. at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie, Chicago. This free event is open to the public and sponsored by the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society.

For more information call Janet McBride at 773-881-8168 Ext. 4.

Should social security go corporate gone are the lockboxes and the fuzzy math

By Matt Mayer

For decades presidential candidates have steered clear of issues relating to social security, which has been dubbed the political third rail, touch it and you die. However pursuing a campaign concept during the 2000 campaign to strengthen Social Security by including private investment accounts. President Bush assembled a 16 member commission made up solely of supporters of individual accounts, and co-chaired by AOL Time Warner executive Richard Parsons and former New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

After 6 months of meetings, however, members of the commission haven't been able to agree on one particular plan. Instead they introduced 3 proposals. Plan 1 would include a voluntary option to invest 2% of payroll in a personal account, rather than the traditional Social Security system. The annual return needed to offset benefit cuts is 3.5%

Plan 2 has a voluntary option to invest 4% of payroll. A 2% return would be needed.

Plan 3 has a voluntary option to invest an additional 1% of payroll in a personal account, with a match of up to 1,000 a year, financed by 2.5% of payroll diverted from the worker's contribution. This plan would need an annual return of 2.5% to offset the benefit cuts. The reports also calls for a year of discussion about the issue with hopes of sparking passage of legislation in 2003 and 2004.

The concept of personal investment accounts gained support during 2000. However, a great deal has changed since the 2000 campaign. For example, 2001 was ushered in with announcements of huge corporate earnings losses, along with simultaneous announcements of massive job cuts. The longest economic expansion in history came to a screeching halt, and the long talked about recession arrived. The main obstacle to private investment accounts appears to be the lack of resources, such as the evaporation of the budget surplus.

Also deficits are now projected until 2005, the result of lower tax revenue due to the recession, the economic impact of the \$1.6 trillion tax

cut along with the unexpected spending on the war in Afghanistan and homeland security in the wake of the terrorist attacks. Also converting to a system that would include individual accounts has been estimated to take \$1 trillion over 10 years to maintain benefits while the new accounts become established. The Department of Labor reports that 887,000 workers have lost their jobs between March and October of 2001, which further reduces the amount of revenue going into the system.

The most absurd assumption, in my opinion, in regards to the personal investment account concept, is that everyone is a stock analyst! The continued announcements of huge corporate earnings losses, corporate mergers and closures throughout the year, coupled with the fact that the majority of investors have never experienced a down market, caused a panic as investors fled the markets and sought safer ground. 2001 turned out to be another bad year for the stock market. The Dow Jones Industrials ended the year at 7.1%. The S&P 500 ended at 13.0%. Also the tech. laden Nasdaq, which reached a stratospheric high of 5000 in March of 2000, had slid to slightly above 1800 in March of 2001, and ended the year down a whopping 21.1%. The S&P 500 in now mired in a two year losing streak. This is a rare phenomena, the S&P has suffered back-to-back losses just four times since 1929, most recently during the 1973-74 oil embargo. More disturbing perhaps is that the double digit losses in 2000 and 2001 wiped out all the gains from 1999, pushing the S&P's three-year performance into the red.

Mirroring the private Investment Account concept would be the Company sponsored 401K plans. The volatility of the markets in the past 18 months has reaped havoc on the do-it-yourself 401K retirements plans. Some plans are more diversified than others, however they all leave it up to the employee to determine how and where to invest their money. Many employees who were looking forward to a very comfortable retirement have seen their 401K plans virtually evaporate,

leaving them in a position to rethink their retirement. The latest example is the Enron Corporation debacle. Within one year Enron stock went from \$94.00 a share to 47 cents.

Ironically even the looming threat of Social Security insolvency, hasn't kept the politicians from keeping their hands off the program. For example, Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) in November proposed a payroll tax holiday by suspending Social Security payroll taxes for the month of December. In order to strengthen the economy, 6.2% of earnings are paid both by the employee and employer up to the current 2001 wage cap of \$80,400. A self employed person such as a contractor for example would be able to keep the entire amount of 12.4%

The hope is that the tax holiday proceeds would be spent to boost the economy. Opponents, however, view this idea as nothing more than a short term gimmick, with little hope the money would be going into the economy. The results of an ABC NEWS and a Washington Post poll conducted during the summer around the time the tax rebate checks were issued, helps to substantiate this belief. The polls revealed that over 70% of families polled, planned to do something other than spend the money on new purchases.

However the tax holiday is still being used as a leverage to pass an economic stimulus package that President Bush is pushing for. This stimulus package would include another round of tax cuts. Opponents of this package claim it tilts too heavily toward the wealthy, as the first tax cut did. They also argue that the main benefactors of this package would also be major corporations, such as the GOP sponsored repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax, retroactive to the time of its inception in 1987. The repeal of this tax has been projected to provide as much as \$1 billion for some major corporations, which proponents claim will give corporations the ability to create new jobs. However, opponents argue there is no guarantee corporations will use the money for this purpose, if they do what would stop

them from building plants overseas. The GOP plan also calls for an immediate 20% business depreciation write off for three years. The Democrats opposition to the repeal of the alternative minimum tax coupled with the Republican opposition to a 13 week extension of unemployment benefits, has stalemated the passage of an economic stimulus package.

Another desire to dip into Social Security surpluses occurred on August 24th, when President Bush suggested that the government might use Social Security surpluses to fund other programs, something he promised to avoid. Bush said, "The only reason we should use Social Security funds is in the case of economic recession and war."

At the present time the system is temporarily flushed with cash, it has more revenues coming in than it needs to pay current benefits. There is no provision in the Social Security law for 'reserving' or saving excess revenues to pay for further retirees. Perhaps one small step in an effort to restore Social Security solvency would be to enact such a provision!

The 'pay as you go' system that has financed Social Security for 66 years is believed to bulge, as baby boomers begin to retire. The trustees of the Social Security system also estimate that "annual costs will exceed tax income starting in 2006." The system is also projected to go bankrupt in 2038.

At the present time the ratio is 3.4 workers for each retiree. By 2050 the ratio is expected to be 2 to 1. The results of a study commissioned by the National Committee to preserve Social Security and Medicare titled The Impact of Social Security Privatization on the Disability Program, authored by Dr. Dean Baker, an economist and co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research. In this study, Dr. Baker says, "It will be difficult for Congress to justify benefits cuts for retirees, but not the disabled."

Even though the commission could not agree on one particular plan, President Bush is expected to mention his support of private investment accounts in his State of the Union address this

month.

Social Security reform appears inevitable. However given the general overview of the economy, the performance of the stock markets over the past two years, along with the estimated cost of \$1 trillion for the conversion. Private investment accounts currently appear to be a hard sell. Also in my view any form of private investment accounts tends to favor the wealthy, for the wealthy would be in a far better position to endure a higher risk tolerance, along with having a stronger advantage to obtain professional financial advice.

The middle class and especially low income employees, need the security of a guaranteed program, which the private investment account concept doesn't appear to provide. The current system offers such a guarantee. Also if low income employees were given the option to invest a percentage of their salary into a private investment account, and this amount wasn't automatically deducted from their earnings, they may decide to use the money in an effort to make ends meet, leaving them even more financially disadvantaged when they retire.

In whatever form the Social Security reform that may evolve, the Social Security reform must ensure that a sound program will be maintained with equality for all. To ensure benefits aren't cut for the retirees, nor the disabled. The Social Security program also needs to retain its soundness, in order to insure that the ones that need the benefits the most don't receive the least, or even worse, nothing at all.

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Library

The Palos/Orland League of Women Voters will host a Voter Registration Day Saturday, January 19th at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library.

Culinary Arts classes at Moraine

Moraine Valley offers a variety of Restaurant/Hotel Management and Culinary Arts courses during the spring 2002 semester.

Courses offered include: Food Service Sanitation, Introduction to Hospitality Industry, Quantity Food Production I through III, Beverage Management, Menu Writing and Marketing, Food, Beverage and Equipment Purchasing, Nutrition for Food Service Managers, Baking/Pastry II, Concepts of Hospitality Cost Control, Supervisory Housekeeping Convention Management and service, Banquet and Specialty Services, Front Office Procedures and Hospitality Supervision.

Registration is underway. Tuition is \$49 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting Registration Office in the College Center.

For more information call (708) 974-2110 or visit the website www.moraine.cc.il.us

Lipinski hosts Essay and Speech contest

Now in its fifth decade, Congressman William Lipinski's "All-American Eagles Program" begins its 2002 edition with an Essay and Public Speaking contest February 15 at La Grange Village Hall.

The program is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who live or attend school in the 3rd Congressional District. Student essays should be between 200-300 words in length and be about a favorite Home Front support organization.

All essays should be sent to the attention of Anthony R. Constantine at one of Lipinski's three District offices at:

5832 Archer in Chicago
5239 W. 95th in Chicago
19 W. Hillgrove in LaGrange

by Wednesday, February 4. For more information, please contact Anthony Constantine at 708/352-0524.

Unfair Labor Practice Charge Filed

The Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2 filed an Unfair Labor Practice Charge with the State of Illinois Local Labor Relations Board against the City of Chicago for refusing to bargain in good faith over pension issues. In an ongoing struggle that has kept the Chicago Firefighters working without a contract for 2 1/2 years, City Officials have even refused to negotiate the Chicago Firefighters Union proposal to improve pension benefits for its members.

While city officials have joined the throng in a patriotic song of praise for our nation's heroic firefighters, these same officials have turned their backs on retired firefighters and firefighters widows living below the poverty level.

"We have brought these issues to the table on numerous occasions. Each time the City has flatly refused to discuss them," said Union Local 2 President Bill Kugelman. "We have no choice but to ask the Labor Relations Board to intercede and take action against the City for its flagrant disregard for fairness in the contract

negotiating process."

Despite the City's refusal to negotiate fairly, the members of the Chicago Firefighters Union continue to risk their lives for the people of Chicago, serving the public with the highest degree of skill and dedication.

In the "Comprehensive Review of The Chicago Fire Department", an independent study of department operations commissioned by the City of Chicago and completed in June of 1999, the Executive Summary describes the members of the Chicago Firefighters Union with the following:

"...the firefighters and paramedics continue a heroic tradition. They exemplify good teamwork and provide first-rate services despite having to deal with a wide array of problem such as broken standpipes in projects, frozen hydrants in winter, old firehouses, fires in highly dangerous properties, and high volumes of calls."

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Oak Lawn Library has Winter/Spring programs for kids

The Oak Lawn Public Library Youth Services Department will open registration for many of their Winter/Spring 2002 children's programs Saturday, January 19. Preference will be given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented at enrollment. Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

This season's program offerings include: storyhours for children age 2 through 2nd Grade; "Read to Succeed with the Chicago Wolves," a reading incentive program for readers through the eighth grade; a 4 week program for third through sixth graders interested in assisting with creation of wall displays ex-

hibited year round in the Youth Services Department; a month long art exhibition for young people with an artistic flair in grades 7 to 10; Junior Friends of the Library, a volunteer group for students seventh to 10th grade; and 2 free, entertaining and educational programs held on select Saturdays.

Registration begins Saturday, March 9th for Spring sessions of Baby Business, a program for babies age 12 to 24 months and their caregivers, Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime and After School Story Time.

For more information visit the website, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us, or call 708-422-4990.

Chicago Southland orientation

New and prospective members of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB) are invited to attend a Bureau Orientation on Wednesday, January 23, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd St., Lansing, Illinois.

According to CSCVB President/CEO Jim Garrett, the orientation is designed to give new and prospective members a quick overview of the mission, function, services and benefits of Bureau membership, and outline how tourism affects virtually every sector of the Chicago Southland economy.

"Visitors to the area and those attending meetings, seminars and sporting events affect a wide variety of businesses, from hotels and motels to restaurants, attractions, car rental agencies, service stations and retailers," said Garrett. "It's a trickle down effect that injects dollars into the Chicago Southland economy."

Prospective members are asked to confirm their attendance. For more information about the free orientation call 708-895-8200

La Boheme lecture at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library will host a free lecture on the opera "La Boheme" Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m. in their lower level meeting room.

At this informative session, a member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Corps will describe the plot, give background on the composer, Giacomo Puccini and play musical selections.

A complete schedule of opera lectures is available at the library's Community Information Centers, first floor, or at their website, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen at 708-422-4990.



Slovaks receive award from Ryan

Governor George H. Ryan sponsored a tribute to Illinois ethnic museums at the James R. Thompson Center. Slovak World Congress Abroad and Slovak League of America received an award for their participation. Pictured, left to right: Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan, Anna Jurcikova, Stefania Kolodziejova, Peter Volcek and Alojz Jurcik (second row) Zuzana Fidrikova, John A. Vacval and Alojz Jurcik, Jr.

Winter/Spring events at Burbank Park District

The Burbank Park District will be sponsoring many fun events for the Winter/Spring season. Registration has already begun and takes place during normal business hours, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The following are some of the activities planned:

Forever Plaid - There will be a trip to see the revue "Forever Plaid" on January 31. The bus will depart at 10:15 a.m. from Newcastle Park. The first stop will be Phil Smidt's restaurant, and then it's off to see the toe tapping show. The fee for this trip is \$49 and it is open to anyone 7 yrs. and up (under 18 must be accompanied by a paid adult).

Gymnastics - The park district is also offering a variety of Gymnastics classes. Tot-nastics classes, for children 18 months to 3 years and Pre-nastics classes are \$54 for residents, and \$81 for non-residents. Rhythmic Gymnastics, Intermediate gymnastics and Gymnastics are \$68 for residents and \$81 for

non-residents.

Volleyball - The Burbank Park District is non-competitive, just for fun atmosphere of volleyball. Work on skills at the bump, set and spike camp (\$24 residents, \$33 non-residents per session). There is also the Youth Coed Volleyball League. Great way to practice and have fun. The cost is \$48 for residents, and \$72 for non-residents.

Disney on Ice - There will be a trip to see the new Disney Ice show "Toy Story 2 on Ice" on Saturday, February 9th, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. The outing costs \$26 (second level seating).

Teen Mixers - Fun dances for 7th and 8th graders only. The mixers are being held at Burbank School, 8300 S. Linder. The 1st dance is Friday, January 25th, followed by three more on February 22, March 22 and April 19th. All dances take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with an admission charge of \$4. You must have a Burbank Park District I.D. to enter, no exceptions

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Nursing courses offered at Moraine Valley

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Voter registration drive at area libraries

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will be holding a voter registration drive on Saturday, January 19th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following locations:

Green Hills Library, 8611 West 103rd St. in Palos Hills; Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond in Oak Lawn; Orland Park Library, 147th and Park Lane in Orland Park; Palos Heights Library, 12501 S. 71st Avenue in Palos Heights; Palos Park Library, 12330 Forest Glen in Palos Park; Tinley Park Library, 17101 S. 71st Ave in Tinley Park.

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Military News

Army Reserve Pfc. Andrew J. Zaghlul has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia S.C.

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up the Acropolis to see the Parthenon, down the streets of Athens, through the ruins of Delphi and Espesus, and on the Aegean Sea to see the Greek Islands where civilization began.

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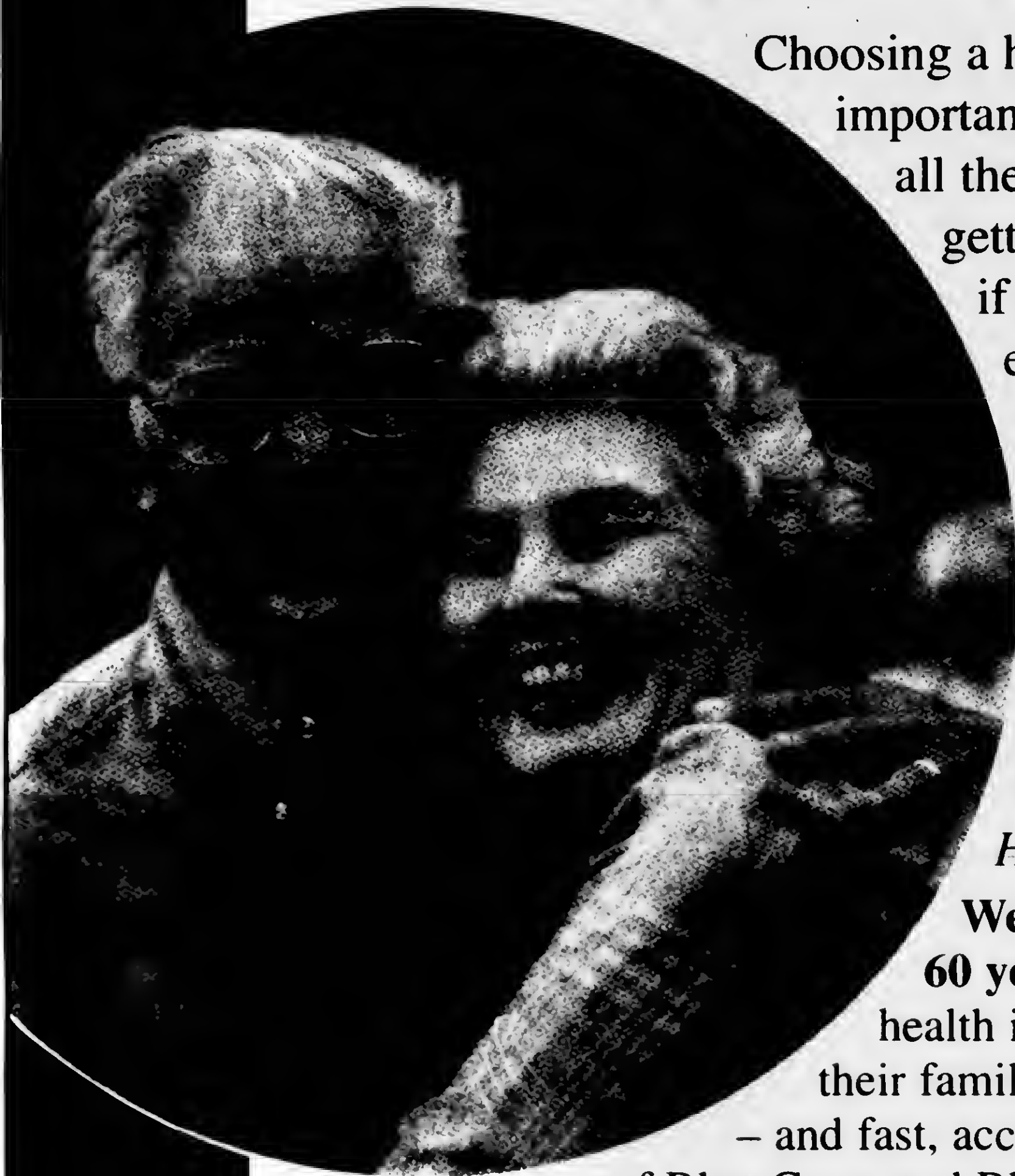
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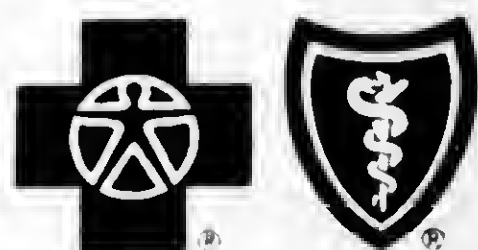
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

63rd Street upgrades continue

By Rick Techman

Improvements on 63rd Street will continue and further work will be done according to Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) at a meeting with the Clearing Civic League Tuesday, January 8 at the Hale Park fieldhouse.

The west end of 63rd Street at Harlem Avenue will be transformed, Zalewski said, into a more hospitable gateway to Midway Airport and the City of Chicago. He explained the small businesses on both the southeast and northeast corners of the intersection will be purchased by the city.

He added these corners will be cleared out and the buildings replaced by more appealing, financially sound structures. He added the railroad has already begun to clean out its land in this area. With the construction of the grade separation and installation of signage

welcoming visitors to Midway, he said this corner should become a welcome addition to street improvements.

Zalewski also explained 63rd Street beautification would continue with the addition of all new street lights going up along the north side of the street. He said these lights would run from Harlem to Central while all of the lights on the south side of the street would be removed.

He also said the lamplight would be brighter from each pole than it currently is from the present poles along the south side of the street.

"The last six and one-half years," Zalewski said, "we paved over 57 miles of streets here in the 23rd Ward. People who live along 63rd Street and the whole community are starting to see the results of their efforts and requests," he added.



Volunteers support Christmas food distribution

Volunteers prepare boxes of food for a Christmas distribution to the poor in the 23rd Ward at the senior center at 6012 S. Archer last month. Participants include (l-r) Caseworker Jerry Mulvihill of the office of Congressman William O. Lipinski, (D-3); Corey Mulvihill, Jerry's daughter; Jean Franzcyk, president of the Garfield-Ridge Civic League; and Pat Ponce, civic league member. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

Letter to the Editor

"Thank You 23rd Ward"

By Rick Techman

More than 300 seriously needy families of the 23rd Ward each received a basket of food from the Southwest Side Senior Service Organization, 6012 S. Archer, and co-sponsor Caseworker Jerry Mulvihill from the office of Congressman William O. Lipinski, (D-3), just in time for Christmas eating this holiday season.

Dozens of volunteers, seniors from the center and workers recruited by Mulvihill, helped package the food into boxes at the senior center Thursday, December 20. By Saturday, December 22, workers began loading the packages into cars and delivering them to the targeted homes.

"When I first started this job I didn't believe there was this many poor in the 23rd Ward," Mulvihill said sympathetically. "These are," he added, "mostly single widows whose husbands passed away. And these people who are suffering can't afford to take their medications. Our main gateway though," he also said, "is the energy assistance program."

Mulvihill said he was especially grateful to the students at four area schools who each contributed a can of food to the senior center for the food drive. The schools whose students contributed to the food drive were these: Kennedy High School, Dore Grammar School, Lee and Mark Twain. Mulvihill added this community service teaches children how to share at an early age.

Among other youth contributing to this annual event were a local girl scout troupe and family

members of volunteers. Special mention goes to Corey, Jerry Mulvihill's daughter, who, with many others, made this food drive possible. The citizens of the 23rd Ward thank all above listed groups and individuals for their support this Christmas season.

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Roads on track for railroad separation

By Rick Techman

Plans for at least five grade separations in and around the 23rd Ward neared completion recently when the Illinois Department of Transportation, with its consulting group Carl Dietz, Inc., began finalizing the third of a three-tier feasibility study which began in 1995 on this subject.

According to Alderman Michael Zalewski (23), the five locations where the Belt Railway grade separations are currently identified to be built are these: Archer Avenue and Knox; 63rd Street and Harlem; Central Avenue and Archer; 59th Street and Knox; and 67th Street east of Cicero.

At least one more public information meeting is needed, like the original in 1995 involving 200 attendees, to get resident input on the plans for the railroad grade separations in this area. Mr. Robert Lewis, of the Carl Dietz consulting firm, explained the tier-one and tier-two studies during the past seven years eliminated most of the 14 original sites leaving the remaining five for planned construction.

Zalewski said, "Congressman Lipinski has promised, because he is already working on the Central Avenue overpass that the community has wanted for such a long time, they will make

that [Central Avenue and Archer grade separation] first. We will start with that location first," he explained, "because it makes sense."

The remaining grade separations will then be addressed though there are probably as many as 20 grade crossings between the 23rd Ward and 13th Ward which should be done according to Zalewski. He said the five sites selected for grade separations are the most economical and needed of the many sites reviewed.

Lewis, in a letter to Zalewski regarding the feasibility study, said there wasn't any money in the state budget to fund the project beyond the study phase. But according to Zalewski, Congressman William O. Lipinski and Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan-two of the most powerful politicians in Illinois-will see the proposals through to implementation of grade separations.

Garfield-Ridge Civic League conducts meeting

The first meeting of the new year for the Garfield-Ridge Civic League will be Monday, January 21, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the lower level Wentworth Park fieldhouse at 5625 S. Mobile Avenue.

Chicago invites you to "Paint The Town Blues"

A citywide celebration January 17-20 is part of Chicago's ongoing *Chicago Winter Delights*. "Paint the Town Blues" will celebrate Chicago as a blues capitol where visitors can indulge in various kinds of blues music for four days.

Chicago will showcase blues artists at various locations such as Buddy Guy's Legends, Chicago Music Mart, the House of Blues and more.

You can also see a sneak peak of Martin Scorsese's documentary on the blues, *Speakin' of the Blues*, on January 18 at the Harold Washington Library Center.

Throughout the weekend and every weekend of *Chicago Winter Delights*, dozens of restaurants will offer prix-fixe meals for \$20.02, and "Light Nights on the Magnificent Mile" the weekly Saturday evening fireworks display will return to Michigan Avenue.

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23rd Ward GOP seeks workers

Republican Judges of Election and volunteers are currently being sought by 23rd Ward Republican Committeeman Joseph "Joey" Battaglia to guarantee a fair primary election Tuesday, March 19, 2002. Judges of election will be paid a set rate by the Chicago Board of Elections to perform assigned election season tasks. For more information call (773) 586-4603 or Email: WARD23GOP@aol.com

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Oak Lawn Lion's President, Lion Ed Moses and Lioness Michelle Moses attended the Leo Induction ceremony. Ed gave the welcoming remarks and spoke of the dedication the high school students at Richards have for the Red Wagon Food Program, which supplies the food pantry at Worth Township, in Alsip.



Front Row: Desiree Engel, Sarah McDermott, Nikki Nario, Megan Gisselman, Nivene Judoh, Back Row: Kacy Mitchell, Brian Mitchell

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Left to right is Tereasa, resident of Crestwood and Oak Lawn Hilton, banquet server. Mr. Scott Deans, father of Richard's senior Sarah Deans, accompanied her to the dinner. Sarah is a first year inductee into the Leo Club at Richard's High School.



Leo Club makes a difference

The Lions Club is a vital part of many communities. The organization reaches out to help where there is a need. They are most noted for their candy sales, where the proceeds are used to help the blind, and for their collection of used eye glasses for the less fortunate. Local Lions Club organizations have helped collect food and clothing for local charities, have participated in recognition nights for police and firefighters, parties for children at holidays and any number of other worth while causes.

One of the programs Lion Len Pearson participates in is Oak Lawn Richards' Leo Club. This is an extension of the Lions Club, but is aimed at high school students. Richards has had a Leo Club now for the past 33 years, and Pearson has been a part of it since the beginning. His son, Robert, served as the first Leo Club president. In that time, Richards Leo Club members have helped in

many, many projects, including raising money for scholarships, money for the victims of September 11th, the Neediest Children's Fund. They rang bells for the Salvation Army, visited children at hospitals, etc. In other words, high school students who have normally been touted as drug addicts or trouble makers are involved in their community and making very worth while contributions.

One of the programs Lion Pearson wanted everyone to know about is the 'Red Wagon Pantry'. Each year during the holidays, Richards Leo Club has collected non perishable food for the Worth Township food pantry. Recently this has become an ongoing program.

Leo Club President Kelly Smith wrote to students and faculty about the need to continue collecting food throughout the year, "...A few weeks ago a phone call was received from a family that previously had received help

during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays....With realization that the needs of many families know not just special days, the Leo Club has decided to help in a continuing way..." She provided a list of suggested items students and faculty members could donate. Everything from peanut butter and jelly, to tuna, cereal, macaroni, rice, toilet paper, fruit and vegetables were included.

The Leo Club is stronger than ever. On January 28, 2002, the Oak Lawn Richards' Leo Club sponsored their annual Officer Installation Banquet and New Member Induction at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Kelly Smith was installed for her second term as president.. Other officers installed that evening included Vice President Beth Novosel, Secretary Beth Scheibel and Treasurer Jennifer Asimakopoulos. The Board of Directors includes Freshman Julie Scheibel, Sophomores Patrice Connelly and Trisha Novosel, Junior Shari Barcebal, Senior Kristina Nolligner and Chairman of Committees Terri Erickson. Approximately sixty students were installed as new members this year.



L-R: Wife, of Len Pearson, Past District Governor of the Lions, is the lovely Ceil Pearson a Lioness and served with the Leo organizations. The Red Wagon at Richard's High School was originally Ms. Pearson's until her husband borrowed it. Also picture is Kelly Smith, president of the Leo Club for the past two years; she presented Ms Pearson with a gift of appreciation for all her kind efforts she has shown the club.



Pictured from left to right: Pete and Michele Dakuras (parents), Brian Dakuras, Dan Teoro, Post 177, and Richard Lueman, 3rd District Commander.

V.F.W. "Voice of Democracy" 3rd District Winner announced

The Illinois V.F.W. 3rd District "Voice of Democracy" contest winner is Brian Dakuras. Brian is a sophomore student at Brother Rice High School at 10001 South Pulaski.

29 high school students took part in the V.F.W. "Voice of Democracy" Audio Essay Competition. Dakuras received a \$300 U.S. Savings Bond from the V.F.W. 3rd District at a meeting held on Sunday, January 13 at the DesPlaines Valley Memorial

Post 6863, located at 7256 West 63rd Street in Summit.

Brian will compete in the V.F.W. Illinois competition in Springfield, Illinois on Saturday, February 9. The Illinois State winner will then attend the National Finals in Washington, D.C. in April, as a guest of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Organization. Brian Dakuras is sponsored by the McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177 located at 10537 South Ridgeland Avenue.

McQuillan replaces Murphy in EP

by Jude Coyle

Trustee Mary Murphy resigned her position as Trustee at the last Evergreen Park Village Board Meeting. She decided to take on the full-time position as Coordinator of Safety for the Village. She would work with the police, fire and other departments.

Mayor James Sexton began the January 22 meeting with the introduction of James McQuillan, long time resident and Sexton's choice as her replacement. The Board agreed, and McQuillan was appointed to fill the remainder of her term.

With that in mind, Mayor Sexton invited the McQuillan family to join the new Trustee in front of the room. There Traffic Court Judge Tom Carmody, another long time resident, swore in McQuillan to the post of Trustee.

Mayor Sexton announced that he had received a letter from the current cable provider, AT&T Broadband. With the January billing, customers will be expected to pay a 5% increase. Because AT&T has purchased many of the local cable providers, they now control most of the Chicago area services. Mayor Sexton promised to discuss this with State and Federal authorities. He also commented that Pat Quinn, candidate for Attorney General will be attempting to bring cable within the auspices of the Citizens' Utilities Board.

A request for a 4-way stop at 93rd and Avers was discussed at the December 10 meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee. The Committee decided to recommend against the request. They felt that there were few accidents, or obstructions at that intersection, and that the 2-way stop currently in place is enough. Trustee Phelin disagreed. He is a resident of the area, and feels that with the school and the number of children in the area, that this could only help prevent accidents. Trustee Bosch spoke next, saying that he travels in that area a lot and always stops, whether there is a 2-way or 4-way stop. Too many drivers, Bosch said, fly through the stops. Trustee Kyle also commented. She

said that there is a reason for commissions, and she respects their work. She doesn't feel, however, that counting the number of accidents at a given intersection should ever become criteria for placing stop signs. Mayor Sexton agreed. He also instructed Chief Saunders to patrol the area more, and to issue tickets. Sexton promised to check on the situation later.

Chief Clohessy has reviewed bids for the purchase of a new ambulance. He recommended one from Wheeled Coach. The Board approved the request.

Trustee Kyle added her congratulations to Chief Clohessy. The Fire Department was able to purchase 2 defibrillators with money provided through grants.

The Board approved the following applications for Business Regulation Certificates:

Game Stop #588, 9834 S. Western. This is a retail facility and will not have coin operated video games.

Conrad Polygraph, Inc., 3317 W. 95th St. This is a lie detection and deception service.

P&L Mortgage, 3843 W. 95th St.

Allstate Insurance, 2805 W. 95th St.

Annafi, Inc. 9835 S. Pulaski. This was formerly known as LaMar Dry Cleaning Service.

Mattress World, Inc., 2958 W. 95th St. They are expanding from their present location.

Original Karsons Restaurant, 3422 W. 95th St. This location is under new ownership. Not only was the business regulation certificate approved, but so was a class B liquor license, which is a service bar only.

Prospect Federal to Provide Free Basketball Tickets

Prospect Federal Savings Bank is providing free tickets to its customers and other Southwest Metropolitan Chicago residents for the men's basketball game on "Prospect Federal Day", Saturday, February 16th at Saint Xavier University, announced bank President, Steven F. Rosenbaum. This special day was designated in appreciation of the bank's sponsorship of Saint Xavier's Fall and Winter sports programs. The game will be played in the University's new Athletic Center at 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago.

In addition to free tickets, Prospect Federal will conduct drawings for free prizes during the game. Anyone attending

can register to win with no obligation.

Up to 4 free tickets per family will be given away to people interested in attending the 3:00 PM Saturday, February 16th game between the St. Xavier Cougars and Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference rival, Olivet Nazarene University.

Mr. Rosenbaum said, "Those wanting tickets can get them at our Oak Lawn, Worth and Pulaski Road Chicago offices, while supplies last." He added that the best seats will go first, so come in soon. He emphasized that tickets are absolutely free. No deposit is necessary.

The bank's addresses for free tickets are; 4646 W. 103rd Street in Oak Lawn; 11139 S. Harlem Ave. in Worth; and 6858 S. Pulaski Road in Chicago.

For further information, call Prospect Federal at: Oak Lawn- 708/425-9100, Worth- 708/361-8000, or Chicago- 773/581-6500.

St. Gerald's

Lenten dinner

A Pre-Lenten Paczki dinner will be held at St. Gerald's Church (Southwest Highway & Central Avenue, Oak Lawn) on Sunday, February 10, 2002, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM in the parish hall. This catered dinner of Polish specialties provide by Bobak's will feature entertainment by The Music Company, one of Chicago's finest dance and polka bands. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office (9320 S. 55th Ct.) or by calling Jeannine at (708) 422-0234 Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 4:00-7:00 PM. Ticket prices are: Adults - \$20, Children aged 3-11 - \$10. Ticket deadline is Wednesday, February 6, 2002. A portion of the proceeds for this dinner will benefit the Polish National Alliance.

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Library welcomes author

Dennis Perry, author of "Yakabou Must Choose!", will present an exciting and educational program about the small village of Kolokonde, Benin in French West Africa. This program is intended for children grades K and up. Registration is required, either by phone at 708/422-8522 or in person.

F.O.P. Life Saving Awards Presented

Fraternal Order of Police President William Nolan (Chicago Lodge #7) awarded the Life Saving Award to Sgt. Scott Oberg, Officers James Delisle, David Sepulveda, Dwayne Bragiel, Thomas Barrett, Lisa Chibe, and Mary Jo Fahy, at a recent meeting.

While assigned to different beats in the 21st District, on November 8, 2000, all of these officers responded to a "building fire" at 2001 S. Michigan. They observed flames shooting from the 15th floor. They immediately entered the burning high-rise in an attempt to

evacuate the residents. Utilizing the stairwell they encountered a thick wall of smoke.

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Small business program at Evergreen Park Library

A small business support program jointly supported by the Village of Evergreen Park, The Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce and the Evergreen Park Library will supply information and networking assistance to small businesses in the community. Funding for the program was provided by the Illinois State Library, a division of the Office of Secretary of State, using federal LSTA funding.

The Small Business Support Program includes a series of 5 monthly, 2 hour seminars presented at the Evergreen Park Library, 9400 S. Troy, by area experts addressing issues of small business ownership. The seminars will center on developing awareness of business related issues and will offer suggestions for problem

solving and utilizing local resources. Further, the seminars provide forums for small business and community networking. The first seminar is projected for the end of February.

A Community Small Business Support Center at the library will supply information on Chamber of Commerce activities, business and financial reference materials, SBA, DCCA, and First Stop business, business license, zoning information and more. Users will have priority access to electronic media and online resources through a computer workstation equipped with the Internet. Library staff is available to put small business owners in touch with appropriate resources.

For more information call Nicki Seidl (708) 422-8522.

Quintos speaks

Commander Bruce Quintos of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Law Enforcement Division, will speak before the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors on February 7th at 1:15 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt in Oak Lawn.

Elaine Kordosh, coordinator, announced the commander will explain how the

officers control the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Quintos joined the Department in 1980. In November of 2001, he was assigned to work detached detail with the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement's undercover narcotics group known as the M.E.G. Unit. Quintos worked as an undercover narcotics agent making a record number of arrests in the Cook County Forest Preserve. He was promoted in 1988 to Field Operations Commander.



Students from the Simmons Middle School in Oak Lawn presented new teddy bears to pediatric patients at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers during Christmas.

Simmons Jr. High donates bears to Hospital

Students from Simmons Middle School in Oak Lawn presented new teddy bears to pediatric patients at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers during Christmas.

As a service project through their student council, Simmons Middle School students have shown leadership

in collecting teddy bears donated by the community. Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers would like to thank the Simmons Middle School, the Student Council, parents and faculty for their kindness during this past holiday season.

Support group for pain management

The McGrath Clinic is offering a four week group on pain management. The group is open to people dealing with chronic pain who are under the care of a doctor. The group will teach members mind-body methods and

psychological principals of pain control. It is meant to compliment their medical treatment.

The group begins on Wednesday, February 13 from 7-8 p.m. and will meet weekly until March 6, 2002.

Meetings will take place at the McGrath Clinic, 12021 S. Harlem in Palos Heights. Cost is \$20 per meeting. To register, or for more information, contact Rick Adema M.A. LCPC at 708/361-4330.



"It's Elementary Astrology"

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"It's Elementary Astrology" is based on the Elements: *Water [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] *Earth [Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn] *Fire [Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] *Air [Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and **Astrology Sun Signs.**

***Water Signs:** February is a month that can lead you into new areas of work. Some people may wish to "back" something you are involved in, offering financial as well as moral support. Be sure of who you want to be involved with before agreeing to any kind of joint ventures. Health seems okay and love seems okay but, there is a "wanderlust" within that may not be denied. B and A can aid.

***Earth Signs:** February can surprise you with many good things that are already shaping up for you. Reach outward, yes, but also reach inward for helps. You need to know your limitations as well as your potentials, which are often based in past experiences, disappointments, and self-criticism. Walk on the bright side of life. None of us are perfect people. No, not even you. C, H and R involved.

***Fire Signs:** February says, "live it like you've no worries in the world!" This may be sound advice because most people are judged by what they show the world in financial worth, intelligence and talent. Be picky when it comes to choosing foods, clothing and anything else you put into yourselves or onto yourselves. You want to make the right impression! Money does come. D aids.

***Air Signs:** February says, "money is not the root of all evil, humans are!" If you have people around you that bring you down SMEP, then work to rid yourself, to free yourself and them too by wishing them well some place better than where they are at and with people they can enjoy or help. The money and love situations seem to be on a much better level in your mind. You'll know what to do. A aids.

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Jacki Mari [Sherlockjacki]

McAuley students attend theatre festival

Sixty Mother McAuley students and their teachers Patricia Hayes, Marjorie Mazzola and Tarah Karczewski attended the 27th Annual Illinois High School Theatre Festival at Illinois State University in Normal.

This year's theme, "Theatre Reflections: Everything Old is New Again", will offer 3,700 Illinois high school students an in-depth exposure to all facets of the theatre.

Sam Buomono from Argo High School in Summit, the executive Director of the Festival says, "This is the largest theatre festival of its kind in the country, now in its 27th year. Students and teachers from 150 Illinois high schools will be participating."

During the festival, students and teachers participated in theatre workshops and had the chance to see over 20 productions selected

from high school across the state. The festival also featured a performance of *The Pirates of Penzance*, a production performed by an All-State cast, crew and orchestra selected by audition from students across the state. Mrs. Haynes, Theatre Department Chair at Mother McAuley, assisted as Costume Coordinator. McAuley senior Kelley Rowe (Mt. Greenwood) played a daughter in the production. Juniors Erin Synder (Beverly) and Lori Brudzisz (Palos Heights) were on crew.

The Festival was co-sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Theatre Association, the University of Illinois and Illinois State University.

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February admission screenings

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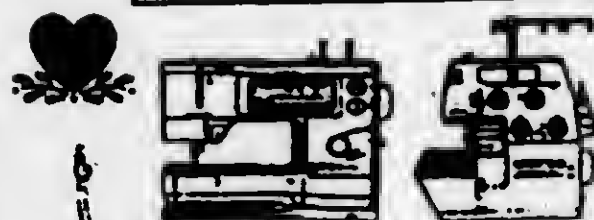
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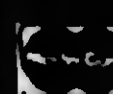
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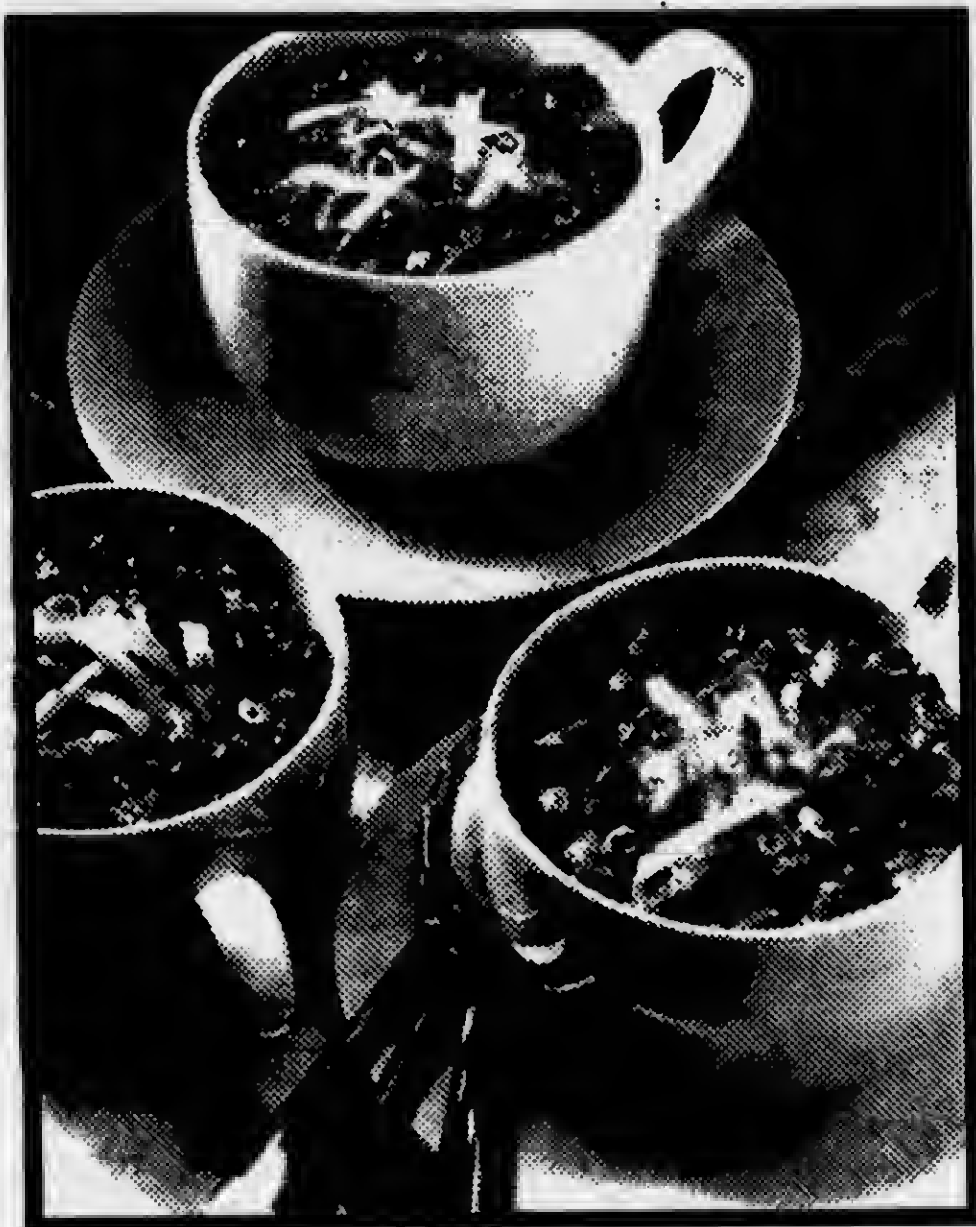
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2 tblsp. vegetable oil
1/2 tsp. salt
2 cans (14 1/2-16 oz. each)
Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
1/2 cup steak sauce
1/2 cup water
3 tblsp. chili powder
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
2 cans (15 oz. each) black

beans, drained

Toppings: sliced onions, dairy sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

To prepare:

In a dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Cook and stir beef in 4 batches; brown evenly. Pour off drippings. Return beef to pan. Season with salt.

Stir in tomatoes, steak sauce, water, chili powder and red pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low. Cover tightly and simmer

gently 1-1/4-1 1/2 hours or until beef is tender. Stir in beans; heat through.

Serve with toppings, if desired.

tender beef is to simmer gently in a tightly covered pan without boiling; the meat is fork-tender.

Cook's tip: The secret to

Snowflake Ball

The Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) hosts the 29th annual Snowflake Ball, Sat., Feb. 16, from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the center mall of The Plaza shopping center, 95th and Western Avenue, Evergreen Park. Music will be by The

Gentlemen of Leisure. Cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets: \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For more information call the BAPA office, (773) 233-3100 or visit the website at www.bapa.org.

Tasty Valentine treats also good for the heart

February is the month when our thoughts turn to hearts. Of course there is Valentine's Day, but February is also American Heart Month, a good time to adopt heart-healthy eating habits.

The Quaker Oatmeal Kitchens have created two special "smart for your heart" treats—one for the cherry lover and one for the chocolate lover. Both taste totally decadent, but they're lower in fat, especially saturated fat, than their traditional counterparts and offer the added benefits baking with whole grain oats provides.

When used in baking, oats can be substituted for up to one-third the amount of flour called for in the recipe. Not only do oats improve the overall fiber content, they also impart a naturally nutty flavor to desserts and sweet breads. Quick and old fashioned oats have the same great nutritional benefits; old fashioned oats are just rolled thicker than quick oats.

Because the old fashioned oats are thicker, they impart a crunchier texture to streusel toppings on muffins, coffeecakes and fruit crisps like *Cherry-Berry Crisps*. For a tangy twist on tradition, the crimson filling combines sweet dried cranberries and

cranberry juice with convenient canned pie cherries. For Valentine's Day, bake these in small heart-shaped baking dishes or any individual ovenproof dishes.

CHERRY-BERRY CRISPS

FILLING

1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 tblsp. cornstarch
1/2 cup cranberry juice
2 16oz. cans pitted sour cherries, drained
1/3 cup sweetened dried cranberries

TOPPING

3/4 cup QUAKER oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)

3 tblsp. firmly-packed brown sugar
2 tblsp. margarine, melted
1 tblsp. all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon

Heat oven to 375 degrees. In medium saucepan, stir together sugar and cornstarch. Gradually stir in cranberry juice, mixing well. Stirring constantly, bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook and stir 1 minute or until thickened and clear. Remove from heat; stir in cherries and cranberries. Spoon filling into six small (about 6 ounce) ovenproof custard cups or heart-shaped

ramekins, dividing evenly.

For topping, combine all ingredients in small bowl; mix well. Sprinkle topping over each fruit cup, dividing evenly.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Serve warm.

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup Quaker oats, uncooked
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup mashed very ripe

banana

1/2 cup skim milk
1/2 stick margarine, melted
2 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla

Heat oven to 350. Lightly spray the inside of a 9x5 inch loaf pan with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt, mix well. In a medium bowl, combine banana, milk, margarine, eggs and vanilla, mix well. Add dry ingredients all at once; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened—do not overmix! Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 55-65 minutes or un-

til a wooden pick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. Do not overbake! Cool in pan for 10 minutes; remove to wire rack and cool completely.

If desired, sprinkle with powdered sugar before slicing. Store tightly wrapped at room temperature up to 2 days, or label and freeze.

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Theatre Alive with Georgian Fitzgerald "As You Like It"

Chicago Shakespeare Theater continues the new year at Navy Pier with Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It," directed by David H. Bell in the Courtyard Theater. He says, "Any time I come to Chicago to direct, it feels like I'm coming home to the most exciting, inspiring and compelling theatre city in the world."

The new theater at Navy Pier is thrilling. Without abandoning the intimacy of what was the hallmark of the company's past residence, the new space embraces an elegance that thoroughly informs the plays performed in it.

Growing up is risky business for the young heroes of "As You Like It." From the perils of the Court, Rosalind Celia and Orlando pack their bags and head for the forest of Arden where a person may be safe from treason and murder, but no one is spared from the hazards of love. Disguised in boy's clothes, Rosalind explores the forest and discovers the complex terrain of her own heart.

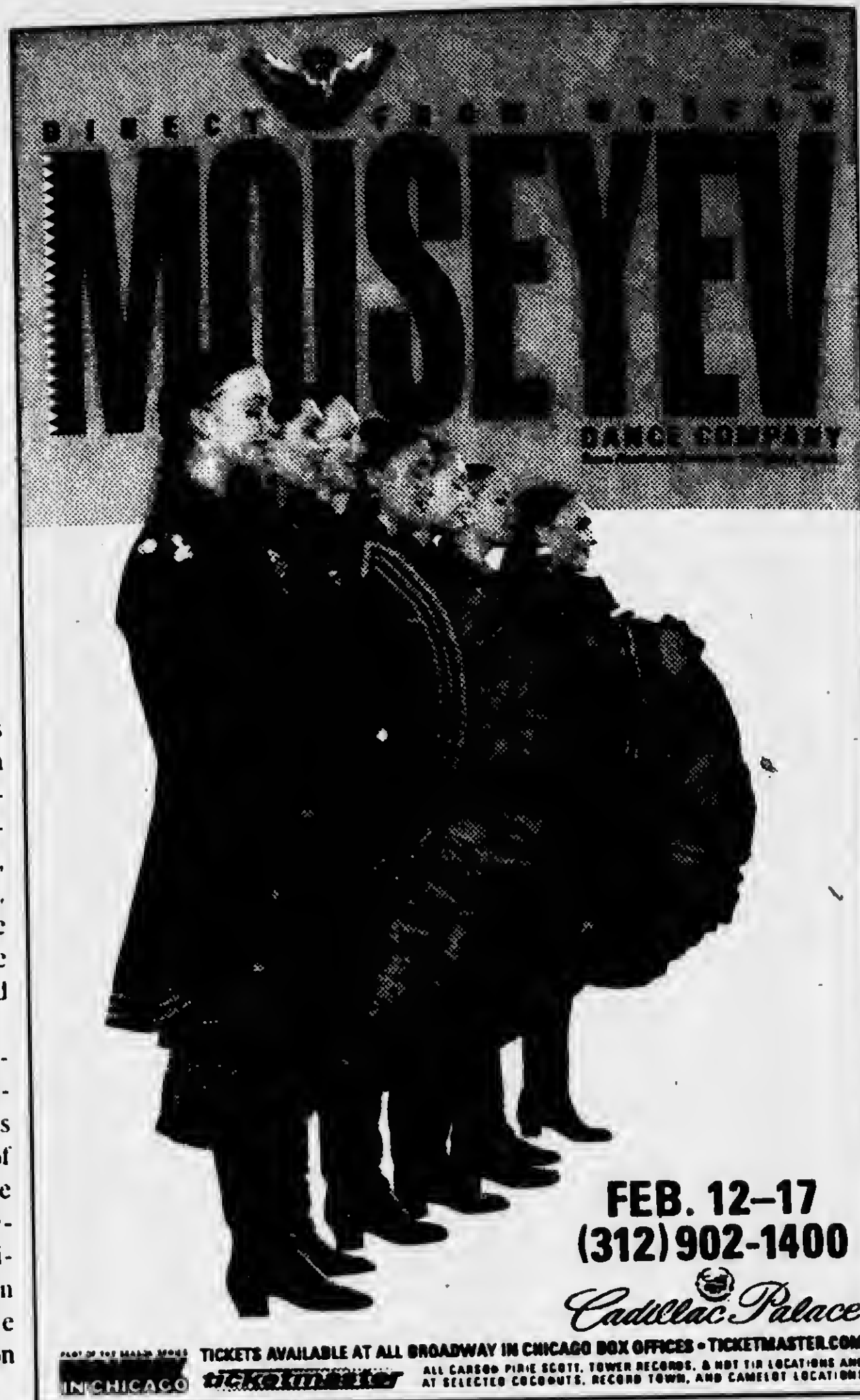
"As You Like It" features an ensemble cast including Elizabeth Laidlaw as Rosalind, Kate Fry as Celia, Timothy Gregory as Orlando, James Harms as Adam, and a dozen or so more actors in minor roles. Already a winner of 8 Jeff Awards, David H. Bell may qualify again with this outstanding production. Performances are scheduled to run through March 9, 2002. For tix: Chicago Shakespeare Theater box office at (312) 595-5600.

2 New Sites Designated in Israel

UNESCO has recently designated two new sites in Israel as *World Heritage Sites*, says Consul Levi, Commissioner for Tourism. "690 sites around the world have received the UNESCO "World Heritage" designation, and now Masada and Akko join the Old City of Jerusalem as the three sites recognized in Israel."

Levi adds, "We are delighted that places that have thrilled and inspired millions of visitors to Israel have been added to a list so rich and diverse that it includes the historic centers such as Prague, Vienna, Dubrovnik, Venice, Florence and Paris, The Great Wall of China, the Statue of Liberty and Auschwitz."

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee works to ensure that future generations can inherit the treasures of the past. According to the UNESCO's mission statement, "most sites face a variety of threats, particularly in today's environment. The preservation of this common heritage concerns us all."



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Russia's Moiseyev Dance Company visits Chicago

Russia's 62-year-old folklorist dance ensemble, Moiseyev Dance Company, brings its lively repertoire to the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 Randolph St., Tuesday, February 12 through the 17th. This superb company of 55 dancers, founded by the renowned Igor Moiseyev, will present several pieces all choreographed by Moiseyev himself.

In 1937, Moiseyev left the Bolshoi Ballet and founded his own company to express his unique style - dramatic, entertaining, theatrical and larger than life. His success was almost immediate and the company toured throughout the Soviet Union until the Cold War eased in 1955. Since that time the company has expanded its audience by appearing in more than 60 countries around the world, debuting in New York's Metropolitan Opera House in

1958.

The company's program in Chicago will feature 14 works including "Partisans," considered to be Moiseyev's signature work, it was created as a tribute to the mountaineers of various nationalities who banded together against the Nazis.

The performance schedule for Moiseyev Dance Company at the Cadillac Palace Theatre will be as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m., Friday, February 15th at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 16 at 2 & 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 17 at 2 & 7:30 p.m.

Moiseyev Dance Company is part of the Broadway in Chicago 2002 Season Dance Series. For more information call the Broadway in Chicago Ticket Line at (312) 902-1400

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VEILS

Length And Style. Not surprisingly, veils run the gamut of lengths. Though not written in stone, certain veils seem to match certain gowns. A very formal wedding gown, with a chapel or cathedral length train, easily carries a full-length veil, extending one foot past the train. A standard length veil, to the elbow or fingertip, complements every silhouette. According to Fabi Oshaneh, bridal department manager at Saks Fifth Avenue in Beverly Hills, "The main thing is that veils are not pouffy. Like headpieces, they are less dense, more sophisticated." She notes that the short veil, which ends at the upper arm, is the most popular with her brides.

Blushers. You've heard of "the blushing bride," but does every bride need a blusher? Not necessarily. However, even when the ceremony doesn't require one -- and many do -- most brides still wear a blusher, which is lifted at a certain point in the service. It's your decision. Just remember, wearing a bridal veil is one thing you can never do again.

Decorative Veils. Decorative veils are a great way to go, especially if your dress is simple. "Edged veils are the number one item," remarked Pattie Winkler, manager of Suky Rosan, the prestigious bridal shop in suburban Philadelphia. "This is a gorgeous, sophisticated look. We edge the veil in the fabric of the dress or 1/8- to 1/4-inch silk ribbon. For another fabulous, very dressy style, we edge the veil in crystals, creating a shimmering effect as the bride walks down the aisle." It's almost like diamonds.

Also timeless: Droplets or appliques. Like edging, pearl, crystal or rhinestone drops sprinkled throughout your veil add a touch of shimmer as you walk down the aisle.



Designer Veils. Not comfortable with all that glitters? Not to worry. Bridal gown designer and fashion guru Vera Wang is featuring a simple square-cut veil that sits on a comb atop the bridal mane. "No poufs, no flowers, no beads, just one veil which covers the face. It's Indian in inspiration," said Wang spokesperson Laura O'Brien. "It engulfs the bride in tulle. It makes it very special and very visual." And with the bride shrouded in such a way, certainly makes for a more mysterious ceremony."

The Mantilla. Another look in the limelight is the mantilla -- a Spanish-inspired veil edged with lace that will forever remind us of Grace Kelly. When model Annette Roque wore one at her wedding to Matt Lauer of NBC's "Today" show, brides and the headpiece industry turned heads. "We got phone calls from brides all around the country," said designer Newman. Giorgio Armani bridal wear has also featured the mantilla look.

HEADPIECES

Tiaras. Call it the Princess Bride look. Tiaras still reign as the hottest trend in bridal headwear. But this is not your typical bejeweled and bulky crown. The bridal tiara of the moment is a mere wisp of a thing, tastefully beaded, delightfully airy and simply elegant. Leading bridal headpiece designers agree that when it comes to tiaras, small and subtle says now.



Jeweled Headpieces. Want more sparkle? Many headpiece designers are working with crystals, rhinestones and shiny metals. In fact, the most recent trend in sparkle gives new meaning to the phrase "something blue." Top designers are now adding tiny colored jewels such as sapphires and amethysts to their pieces.

Jeweled Hair. Trend setting headpiece designer Nelson D'Leon of New York City has taken the hair-jewelry concept one step further by scattering hairpins throughout a bride's coil. He describes dreamy sparkling metal orchids sprinkled through a bride's upswept do. The veil attaches on a

separate comb at the back of the head.

Designers agree on one thing: Don't let trends dictate your veil or headpiece. "Everyone has a vision of what they are going to look like on their wedding day," said O'Brien of Vera Wang. "There are no hard and fast rules in fashion. Rules are made to be broken." After all, every bride is a princess, no matter what crowns her head.



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THE VINTAGE Wedding Gown

They often appear otherworldly, those brides of the past. Captured in time through fading photographs, or perhaps vividly preserved on the artist's canvas. Their faces are mysterious, their shapes unique. And their clothes -- well, their clothes are absolutely exquisite. Now that you are ready to walk down the aisle, you may be wondering if you can do so in a dress drawn from the pages of time. If so, perhaps a vintage wedding gown is just what you've been searching for.

The lure of a vintage wedding gown can be strong. For a price that is often a fraction of the cost of a new gown, you can wrap yourself in a one-of-a-kind look that's as stylish now as it was generations ago. But before you rush out to comb the racks of your local vintage boutique, there are a few things you need to know. While the rewards of choosing a vintage style are great, the hunt itself is not quite as simple as a trip to your local bridal salon.



What's really possible. First of all, fabric deteriorates over time so you need to choose wisely or you could find yourself leaving bits of your dress behind as you march down the aisle. It is highly unlikely that a gown pre-dating the nineteenth century will be wearable. Additionally, the way that the dress was stored could easily accelerate the aging process, causing a gown, which might have been wearable if properly cared for, to disintegrate before your very eyes. Yellowing is often a problem with older gowns as well, and whether or not the gown can be restored depends a great deal on the cause of the damage.

Unless you're a veteran vintage shopper with an eye for spotting fabric damage, your best bet is to ask around until you find a reputable vintage shop. If you aren't sure where to

begin, try contacting a nearby theater company or historical society for recommendations. Once you've found a good shop, be very clear with the sales staff about your intentions for a particular dress. A wonderfully preserved Edwardian gown may be perfect for a quiet, intimate wedding, but not for a wild bash with a swing band.

The perfect fit. There are two different schools of thought when it comes to resizing a vintage gown. Many vintage clothing mavens insist that the only way to go is down. Vintage gowns often do not include additional material at the seams and new trims and fabrics will likely not match the original cloth in shading or quality. Others however, maintain that letting out a vintage gown successfully is possible, although extremely difficult -- often requiring creative embellishments to cover gussets and new stitching. So if you happen upon a fabulous dress that is just too small, you may be far better off continuing your search than struggling with difficult restyling.

Just a few alterations. Women's bodies have changed quite a bit over the last two hundred years, so it is very likely that your 'perfect' gown will need a few alterations before you are ready to walk down the aisle in it. Nips and tucks, hard-to-find replacement buttons, a slightly updated neckline -- it can all add up, so be sure to budget accordingly. Remember too, there is a difference between alterations and repairs. Stains that have been left untreated for one year can be extremely difficult to remove, so

just imagine what happens when you multiply that by 40, 50 or even 100 years. And a tear to an older dress, particularly one not located near a seam, can be a sign of seriously damaged fabric. Again, unless you have experience restoring vintage clothing, you are better off avoiding dresses that require extensive cleaning and repairs.

Don't give up. By now, you may be just about ready to toss out the whole idea of wearing a vintage gown. Stains, disintegrating fabric, rare buttons -- it's all too much! Take heart. There are really just a few things you need to do to turn your vintage dream into a reality:

- Stick to reputable vintage shops.
- Steer clear of dresses requiring extensive repairs and alterations.
- Find a seamstress with experience fitting and restoring vintage couture.

It will require a little legwork, but with the rise in popularity of vintage clothing, you can be certain that the resources you need are within reach.

Old is new again. If you have a specific image in mind for your gown, or want an updated look on a classic style, you might want to opt for a reproduction gown rather than an authentic vintage gown. Reproduction gowns are new gowns made to replicate the fashions of days gone by. These reproductions may be created from vintage sewing patterns, cutting apart an old gown to copy the design, or creating an entirely new design from vintage photographs and drawings. Some salons use vintage fabrics for authenticity, but many use new materials, allowing for more flexibility in the alteration process. If you love the hourglass look of the 1890s but prefer a slightly less constricting neckline, it will be far less heartbreaking to rip apart and restyle a reproduction than an authentic piece of history.

Whether you greet your big day in a fabulous forties Dior design or a reproduction of a turn of the century lawn gown, a vintage wedding gown can transform your walk down the aisle into a magical moment plucked from an antique photograph. Who could imagine a grander entrance?

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New Tax changes may help with college tuition

Parents facing college tuition expenses and college graduates struggling to pay off student loans can look forward to some help. According to the Illinois CPA Society, you may qualify for tax credits and deductions on your 2001 return. What's more, as a result of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, you may qualify for even bigger tax breaks in 2002.

As you complete your 2001 tax return, you'll want to determine if you are eligible for one of two education credits. The Hope Scholarship Credit allows taxpayers to claim a credit of up to \$1500 (100% of the first \$1000 of tuition and fees, and 50% of the next \$1,000) per qualified student for the first 2 years of post secondary education in an eligible institution. The Lifetime Learning Credit, which can be used for an unlimited amount of years, provides a total credit of up to \$1,000 (20% of the first \$5,000 of qualified tuition and related expenses) in higher education expenses per family each year. Both

credits are phased out for higher income taxpayers. In 2002, the credits phase out for single taxpayers with AGIs of \$40,000-\$60,000 and for joint filers with AGIs of \$80, -\$100,000.

Under previous law, qualifying taxpayers could claim a deduction for up to \$2,500 of interest paid on student loans during the first 60 months interest payments are required. While the Deduction for student loan interest remains limited to \$2,500 on your 2001 tax return, the 60 month limit is repealed beginning in 2002 for individuals paying back student loans.

Also in 2002, the new law increases the AGI phase out ranges for eligibility for the student loan interest deduction to between \$50-\$65,000 for single filers and between \$100,000-\$130,000 on joint returns. Like the tuition deduction, the student loan interest deduction is an adjustment to income, available regardless of whether you itemize.

There is also good news for employees who take college courses and receive tu-

ition assistance from their employers. For the 2001 tax year, employees could receive up to \$5,250 tax free to cover undergraduate courses. Effective in 2002, the cost associated with courses leading to an advanced degree also will qualify, within limits, for tax free treatment.

The Tax Act of 2001 introduces a new tax deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses. With its higher income eligibility limits, this deduction is likely to benefit those taxpayers with income too high to get much, if any benefit from the Hope or Lifetime Learning credits. Beginning in 2002 and continuing in 2003, you can deduct up to \$3,000 of qualifying higher education expenses if your AGI is \$65,000 or less for a single filer, and \$130,000 or less for joint filers. In 2004 and 2005, the deduction increases to \$4,000. There is also a provision that makes taxpayers with even a higher AGI eligible for a \$2,000 deduction, but only in 2004 and 2005. The tuition tax break is an above the line deduction so you won't need to itemize in

order to benefit.

To determine the best strategy for making the most of the tax breaks, you'll want to consider several issues. First, because the same student cannot take the tuition deduction in the same year as either of the credits, taxpayers who are eligible for both may need to compute their taxes both ways to find out which way provides more savings.

Second, beginning in 2002, The Hope and Lifetime Learning Credits can be claimed in the same year that you take a distribution from an Education IRA or make a tax-free withdrawal from a state sponsored Section 529 plan. This eliminates the need to choose between the two (provided the distribution isn't used for the same expenses for which credit will be claimed).

Given the cost of higher education, it's important that you make the most of available tax breaks. A CPA can provide more detailed advice on your options. Visit the CPA Society website at www.icpas.org or call (312) 993-0309.



Richard Supple

Carmelites ordain new priest

The Order of Carmelites, under the Provincial leadership of the Very Reverend Leo McCarthy, is ordaining Richard Supple as an Ordained Priest of the Carmelite Order.

Richard Supple was born of Rosemary and Thomas Supple and grew up in the St. Thomas More neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. He attended Bogan High School, and the spark first surfaced when a vocation director visited. "I transferred to the Carmelite High School in Niagara Falls Ontario, and my life hanged direction forever," says Richard.

Growing up, Richard took on the nickname "Mild." He was calm, easy going and a young man who enjoyed being the 11th of 13 children in his Irish & French Family. After returning from a 5 year commitment in the Navy, Richard graduated from Ro-

sary (Dominican University) with a degree in accounting. He attended the Carmelite house of formation in Middleton, New York.

Richard received his solemn vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience as a Carmelite at Whitefriars Hall in Washington, D.C. He then received his Masters in Divinity from the Washington Theological Union, in Washington, D.C. He was ordained a deacon in May of 2000.

When asked about his future, Supple sees himself working in parish life, perhaps the fields of Peace and Justice, serving the poor, the handicapped or being involved with youth groups.

For more information contact the Carmelite Communications Center at (630) 971-0724 or visit the website at www.carmelnet.com.

Evergreen resident donates gifts to hospital

Nedra O'Neill of Evergreen Park and her friends collected books, toys, and movie video tapes for the Children's Play Area and the Community Resource Li-

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Parental rage & children's sports

The verdict is in. Thomas Junta, the father accused of savagely beating his son's hockey coach to death, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter. In recent years the parental rage in children's sports has been steadily on the rise.

Once upon a childhood kids could actually kick around a soccer ball, or play basketball on a grammar school team for the pure fun of the game. Not anymore. Kids' sports have become so competitive lately, but perhaps it is the escalation in boorish behavior in parents that has become a shocking reality.

It starts as early as grades 4th and 5th, when kids are just beginning to learn the basics.

If you've ever been a spectator at a kids sporting event, you may have noticed the tension in the stands. It comes from the parents who are so consumed with winning that the importance of whether or not their kids are actually having fun are inconsequential. These blossoming little athletes, before they even have a chance to hone their skill, are taught to exhibit aggressive behavior to opposing teammates, as their parents egg them on with chants like, "Get him! Get him!"

And it's not just rival players who aren't targeted with wisecracking, demeaning comments from hostile parents. More and more refs are being heckled in menacing ways. With parents yelling and jeering from the stands, it kind of makes you wonder just where all this aggression will lead.

Which brings me back to Thomas Junta. In this case of parental rage gone awry, a father doesn't like the way a coach is handling his son's hockey practice - - so he viciously beats a coach to death. The defense described Thomas Junta as a "gentle giant". Even though there was a 100 lb. difference in weight between him and his much slimmer victim, Michael Costin, and given the fact that Junta came back to the rink after having words with Mr. Costin - - Mr. Junta still maintains that he was provoked and fought Michael Costin in self defense.

If you happen to glance at a photo of Mr. Junta without knowing any information on this brutal crime, perhaps you would describe him as a gentle giant of a man. But from all accounts of this heinous assault, it is definite proof that looks can be deceiving. Yes, he is described as a family man, a loving father - - just as Michael Costin was. If Junta thought his son was being unfairly roughed up in a routine practice session he could've taken the unpopular action of pulling his kid out of practice. Instead he chose to physically attack his son's coach, in front of horrified children. The brute force this so-called "gentle giant" used to appease his anger unfortunately cost a loving father his life, leaving 4 kids without their daddy.

I hope parents of little grade school athletes pay closer attention to how their actions effect their children. Before you can even begin to teach your children self control, you must learn to master it yourself, and for sports parents it should definitely begin in the stands.

Open Registration at Trinity Lutheran

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Avenue, begins its open registration for the 2002-2003 school year on Wednesday, February 20, 2002. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

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CBS 2's Flannery to speak at SXU

CBS 2 News Political Editor Mike Flannery will deliver "Journalism, Politics and the Good Life" Reflections from a Television Political Analyst" at Saint Xavier University. He is the guest speaker of the University's 2002 Honors Program Lecture on Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Reception Room of the Warde Academic center, 3700 W. 103rd Street in Chicago. Admission is free and a reception will follow.

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Southwest Symphony openings

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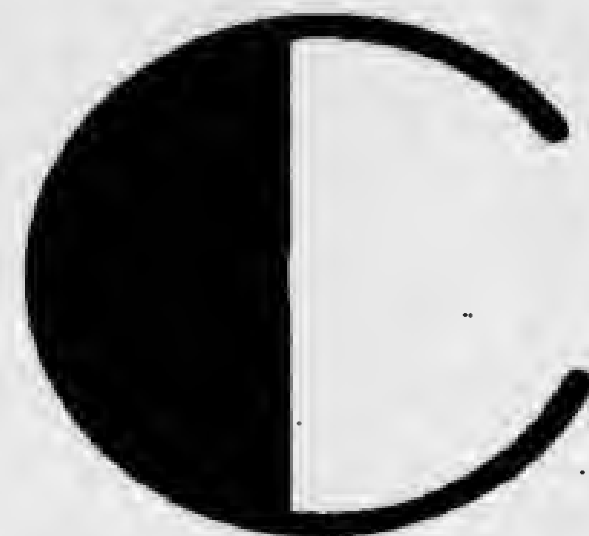
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Letters to The Editor

Vacco Tribute

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to commend you on the great tribute to Mayor Vacco that was featured in the January 15 edition of the Village View. I live in Oak Lawn (love it!) but my husband and I have spent a lot of time in Evergreen Park over the last 44 years. We dined, shopped, etc., in Evergreen Park. I watched the former mayor's show on the local cable station to see what was going on in Evergreen. He loved his community and it showed. May God grant him peace.

Keep up the good work! I enjoy the Village View.

Marlene Jeziorski,
Oak Lawn

Women in the military

Dear Editor:

I am not now, nor was I ever, in favor of women in the armed forces in combat positions. Back in 1993 when the navy allowed women to fly combat aircraft, and the other services allowed women in combat positions, why weren't the American people allowed to vote this silly notion up or down?

How could anyone who has seen the movie "Saving Private Ryan" with the open-

ing scenes of the "D-Day" invasion of Europe and the carnage on the beaches, or the scenes in "Glory" showing the slaughter of troops trying to storm a fortified enemy position, or "Hanoi Hilton" showing the enemy torturing captured American prisoners, believe they would want their mothers, sisters, wife or daughters to go through and endure such atrocities.

With women now flying f-14s off to aircraft carriers on bombing missions over Taliban targets in Afghanistan, it is possible one could be taken prisoner if shot down. The U.S. refueling plane that recently slammed into the side of a mountain, could just as easily been shot down and the crew, including the female radio operator, taken prisoner. We know how the Taliban treat their own women, so we can expect no mercy shown to a female enemy.

How can male troops fight when their ingrained sense is to protect the female of the species? How can the morale of our troops be high, when they see their female comrades machine-gunned or land mined or mortared or hand-grenaded? Bravery under these conditions is unattainable. The troops would be demoralized.

How can you expose trainees, both male & female, to

the kinds of field conditions they will see how to evaluate how they will react? You & they will only know under actual fire fights, and then it's too late. Now you're into the realm of combat fatigue and psychiatric therapy for wounds of the mind.

Equal opportunities and equal treatment in the armed forces doesn't always make sense. What was the thinking of the politicians and the military to allow this to happen in the first place? Either pass legislation that forbids the placing of women in combat situations whether regular U.S. Armed Forces, or Reserves, or National Guard, and/or repeal any existing laws that allow such deployment of women.

Now if you want to talk about something more sensible, then let's stop depending on volunteers for the armed forces, and let's legislate universal military service for all males 18-years and older for a tour of duty of 2-years. This would bridge the years between a malleable teenager and a matured adult, and would instill the discipline, the teamwork concept, and the focus that is lacking. Upon completion of their tour, the young men will have earned tuition for college, or at least they would have earned a trade. Whatever path they choose at this juncture, they will have a head

start for a fruitful life.

Robert Zielinski

School funding problems in Illinois

Dear Editor:

A number of recent news articles in the Chicago area have focused on the critical issue of school funding in Illinois, all calling for the need to reform the way schools are funded. Certainly the revelations in those articles that fully one half of the school districts in Illinois are suffering financial distress and that despite our best efforts in Springfield, the funding gaps continues to grow. News articles comparing educational opportunities in Oakbrook and Sauk Village point out the educational fallout from the funding disparity. Additionally, calls for reform from respected organizations like the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and the Metropolitan Planning Council lend credibility to the recognition of the disaster at hand. The Illinois legislature's own Educational Funding Advisory Board is not far behind in calling for a total reform package.

One can easily place the blame on the propensity of legislation over the years that has created or enabled a mul-

titude of tax reductions and controls. These have eroded the real estate tax base of governmental bodies (school districts being the largest real estate tax body in a community). The erosions include, but are not limited to: homestead exemptions, senior citizens exemptions, Tax Increment Financing, Enterprise Zones and tax caps with their resultant Consumer Price Index controls. Now added to the equation are cuts that not only can be attributed to the economy, but also tax rebates resulting in state funding shortfalls. Tinkering with the current funding system in place while legislating widening tax erosions points to the absolute need to reform the system.

While school districts attempt to make ends meet, (and half in Illinois aren't) both state and federal educational accountability legislation keeps marching on toward more high stakes testing and improved student outcomes. Schools struggle to employ and retain high quality teachers in the environment. In Illinois, there are currently two legislative committees investigating teacher shortages and poorly prepared teachers. As a former School Superintendent in a southwest suburban district I can attest to the challenge of recruiting and

retaining the 'very best' teachers in an economic climate where the well-funded districts can offer considerably more in compensation and support, as well as a very desirable educational environment. Usually the well-funded districts are not faced with student populations that reflect high percentages of low income and highly transient students. This is a difficult burden to overcome when funds are not available to compete, and no matter how one cuts it, a climate of competition has been created without necessarily taking into account all the facts and the impact on the children.

It is absolutely necessary in Illinois for our State Legislature to move away from the property tax as the major funding source of education. Until then, a child's education will be the function of the total property wealth behind each student in the community where he or she lives. Major studies have shown that money does make a difference. There are many studies and commission reports in the hands of our legislators to act as statesmen. This issue should be a focus of the upcoming political campaigns in every legislative district in Illinois.

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Dear Editor:

We are encouraged by recent reports that progress is being made by the Illinois Gaming Board to resolve the matter concerning the gaming facility in the Village of Rosemont.

As parties to the revenue sharing agreement, we support a settlement because it presents an unparalleled opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation that unites municipal, county and state interests. Among the 71 participating municipalities are some that represent the

most economically depressed areas in Cook County. These towns will directly benefit from more than \$13 million in shared gaming revenue to be distributed annually throughout the region to address infrastructure, public safety, and transportation needs.

State revenues remain at risk, too, as long as Illinois' tenth gaming license remains dormant. At a time when the Illinois budget can least afford it, \$125 million in taxes are being diverted each year from the State Gaming Fund

and Education Assistance Fund. The alternative to a settlement is a prolonged and expensive legal challenge that may cost Illinois taxpayers as much as one-half million dollars in lost revenue.

Unlike any other casino venue in Illinois, Rosemont is uniquely and ideally situated to succeed as a host location. It is the ninth-largest convention destination in the United States and attracts more than one million visitors from outside Illinois.

Therefore, we urge the Illinois Gaming Board to act in a conscientious and expeditious manner to resolve this matter in the best interests of all Illinois residents. Sincerely,

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Military News

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Paul J. Wills Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Wills is the son of Paul J. and Charise Wills of Burbank, Illinois and a 2001 graduate of Reavis High School.

Party to be held for Blind Vets

The McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177 Ladies Auxiliary will host a party for blind veterans from 1-5 p.m. on February 10, 2002.

The vets will be served dinner, refreshments, entertainment, dancing and a good time with fellow veterans and friends. The Veterans are patients from the Blind Center of Hines V.A. Hospital.

The myths about mold; what home sellers need to know

While most homes have some degree of mold, much of it is harmless and/or remedial and need not deter a prospective buyer from the purchase. That advice comes from two experts: John O'Brien, president of the Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association (IRELA), and Larry Schwartz, BSME, president of Safestart, Inc.

"There is no evidence to suggest that mold is a real problem for the majority of Illinois homeowners," says O'Brien, a real estate attorney in Arlington Heights who is in his 4th term as IRELA president.

Estimating that he will have completed more than 700 real estate closings this year, O'Brien says he has experienced only one incident where the buyer backed out of the purchase due to mold issues—even though a home inspection showed that the problem could have been easily resolved. Other IRELA members in Illinois report similar experiences about mold, he adds.

"The question a prospec-

tive buyer should ask is, how serious is the problem and how much will it cost to fix?" states Schwartz, an industrial hygienist and professional home inspector whose company is based in Buffalo Grove. Schwartz says he has discovered eight cases this year during the initial home inspection where a subsequent testing revealed an extensive mold problem.

The fear of residential mold in terms of the damage it can cause to a structure as well as the health concerns persists. Most of the common knowledge about mold is insufficient and to a large degree, inaccurate, say O'Brien and Schwartz who offer some of the more common mold myths:

It is a myth that all molds are toxic: There are 10,000 known molds. Some of them carry toxins which may or may not cause pathologic or allergic effects in people and animals. "While there have been isolated cases of severe health problems from mold, most cases have involved symptoms similar to a bad

cold," says Schwartz.

It's a myth that all homes should receive a special mold test: A home inspector should conduct a visual test for mold. "A second, more expensive mold test is not necessary unless the home inspector recommends it," says O'Brien.

It's a myth that older homes have greater mold problems than new construction: Mold is caused by moisture, and the purpose of ventilating a home is to get rid of excessive moisture. Homes built since 1980 are more prone to having mold problems because they are more tightly insulated and have less air exchange than older homes.

It is a myth that correcting the moisture and ventilation issues alone will solve the problem: "Nothing short of eliminating the mold entirely will eliminate the problem," says Schwartz. O'Brien adds that "the seller has the financial obligation to fix the problem."

Library assists "Operation: Rainbow"

The Oak Lawn Public Library continues to serve as a drop-off site for "Operation: Rainbow of Thanks", an Adopt-a-Platoon Soldier Support Effort initiated by The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. A collection bin is now located in the library's lobby.

Businessmen Garden Club named to CSCOC Board

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce recently elected 12 area business people to its Board of Directors for 2002:

John Byrnes (Harris Bank of Orland Park), Jim Bush (B&B Steel, South Holland), Dr. Stuart Fagan (Governors State University), Larry Kelly (Midwest Suburban Publishing), Jack Lanigan (Mi-Jack Products), Ed Mulcahy (Mulcahy, Puartisch & Salvador), Kyla Wilson (MB Financial), Robert Scott (Robert Scott & Associates), Deann Kaser (Radisson Star Plaza Resort), Ron Garner (Group Design Associates), Mary Fote (Bimba Manufacturing), Michael Scholefield (Baxter & Woodman).

The Chicago Southland Chamber is a regional organization serving a population of 2.5 million in 71 communities. For more information on the Chamber and its programs, please call 708/957-6950 or visit www.chicagosouthland.com.

Patrons of all ages are invited to drop off letters and cards to boost the morale of an American soldier, or donate travel-sized toiletries (including shampoo, shaving cream, Mouthwash, etc.) warm or thermal black socks, playing cards, games, paperback books, non-perishable snack foods, coffee, sketch pads, stationary and other useful items for American soldiers stationed overseas. For additional information, please call the museum at 708/423-6709 or 708/423-6723.

The Southside Garden Novices is pleased to present Barbara Collins.

Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month, at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10425-55 S. Ridgeland (please use east/back entrance). \$2 cover charge for non-members.

For additional information, please call 708/636-7931.

Tai Chi classes at Oak Lawn Park District

The Oak Lawn Park District has announced that openings remain in its winter session of *Tai-Chi*, a tranquil martial-arts class that combines proper breathing techniques with circular, graceful movements that are similar to dance.

The class for ages 18 years and older taught by Gary Clyman and Dave Fields will be offered on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena. The winter session will run Jan. 14-February 25. Fees are \$57 for Oak Lawn residents or \$70 for non-residents.

Additional martial-arts classes available through the Oak Lawn Park district include: *Shotokan Karate*, *Yoga Fitness*, *Taekwondo*, *Judo-Ju-Jitsu/Self-Defense* and *Matsumura Shorin-Ryu Karate*.

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Mardi Gras Madness at 115 Bourbon Street

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The entire week will be filled with purple, gold, and green excitement. In addition to daily visits from the Stilt Walker, Tarot Card Reader, Fire Eater, Caricature Artist, Clowns, Face Painters, Mimes, Magicians, Dancers and Contortionists. There will also be live performances from artists such as Mike & Joe (rock), Maggie Speaks (rock), Brat Pack (80's), Crash (Dave Matthews Tribute), Beatle Brothers (Beatles Tribute), Eric & Cokes (Acoustic), Remedy (rock), and more.

But what is Mardi Gras really about? The food, of course! If you're seeking to satisfy your taste buds, the 115 Bourbon Street Kitchen Krewe will be hosting the *Taste of N'Awlins*. All week, under a heated tent in the 16,000 square-foot beer garden, Cajun connoisseurs will

be able to purchase sample portions of authentic New Orleans street food. You can sample food such as Shrimp Boats, Rustic Ribs, Louisiana Crab Cakes, Festival Gumbo, Marinated Crab Claws, Pralines and King Cakes, all while listening to the great sounds of live music.

The management staff of 115 Bourbon Street realize that Mardi Gras is very much a family affair and that is why they dedicated a whole day as "Family Day". "Family Day" will take place on Sunday, February 10th from 1-5 p.m. and will include entertainment and activities such as a special performance by the Marist High School Jazz Band, various kids games with prizes, a coloring contest, Jumping Jack, Mardi Gras mask decorating project, clown and face painter, and beads for everyone!

Mardi Gras enthusiasts can also sign up to become Mardi Gras King and Queen, or enter to win one of several raffle prizes throughout the week. Visit www.115bourbonstreet.com.

Jammy Jamboree at E.P. Library

Put on your p.j.'s and slippers and grab your favorite stuffed animal and head to the Evergreen Park Library at 9400 S. Troy on Monday, February 11th at 7 p.m. for the "Jammy Jamboree".

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

VFW announces Youth Essay Awards

The 5,000 members of the VFW 3rd District held their 6th annual Youth Essay Contest Awards presentation on Sunday January 27, 2002. The first place winner is Marissa Garbacz, a student at St. Symphorosa School, sponsored Rhine Post No. 2729. Marissa received a \$200.00 U.S. Savings Bond, and will now compete against the 18 other District winners in the State of Illinois. The 2nd place winner is Jon W. Goodwin, a student of Wilkins Elementary School, sponsored Des Plaines Valley Memorial VFW Post No. 6863. Jon received \$150.00 U.S. Savings Bond. And the 3rd place winner is Dave G. Chikerotis, a student of St. Symphorosa School, sponsored Rhine Post No. 2729. Dave received a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

The District had 35 school winners from a total of 1,128 contestants. The panel of distinguished judges judged the 35 school winner essays: Alderman Edward M. Burke; Joe Boyl, Managing Editor of the Southwest News Herald; Dennis V. Rayl, Commander of the Chicago Police 8th District; Mrs. Annette Dixon, Publisher and Editor of the Village View Newspaper; the Honorable James F. Henry, Cook; and

Eugene Siegel, Mayor of the Village of Chicago Ridge.

The annual VFW Youth Essay Contest is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. They write an essay on a given patriotic theme of between 300 and 400 words. School winners are given, an average of a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond. They then compete with other school winners in the District for the District awards. The 1st place winner competes with the other 18 Districts for the State \$1,500.00 U.S. Savings Bond prizes. At the National level \$41,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds are awarded.



2nd place winner Jon W. Goodwin



3rd place winner Dave G. Chikerotis

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Southwest Business networking event

The Argo-Summit Chamber of Commerce, Bedford Park-Clearing Industrial Association, Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Burbank Chamber of Commerce, Justice Chamber of Commerce, Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce and West Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host a "Southwest Business Cooperative Networking Event" on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at the Hilton Oak Lawn from 5-8 p.m. at the Hilton Oak Lawn.

All members are invited and the ticket price is \$30 per person.

Fire union puts heat on City

By Rick Techman

The Chicago Firefighters Union recently filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Cook County against the City of Chicago, the Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund, and eight current and former Pension Fund Trustees regarding the withholding of pension fund benefits for cross-trained firefighters and paramedics by the defendants. This lawsuit comes at the heels of a previous lawsuit filed against the City by the Firefighters Union for refusing to bargain in good faith.

The Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund is the pension fund that has the responsibility of accepting pension contributions, from the City of Chicago, for firefighters including cross-trained firefighters. Cross-trained firefighters, such as firefighter-paramedics and am-

balance commanders are eligible for from 2.5 percent to 5.0 percent more in their pension funds but the board and its eight current and former trustees refused to accept the payments from the City.

Stephen Horwitz, an attorney for the Chicago Firefighters Union, explained the Benefit Fund was made into law by state statute as created by the Illinois General Assembly. Horwitz said the trustees, by law, must adhere to the policies of this organization. He added the Benefit Fund trustees decided some time in 1998 or 1999 to discontinue accepting the additional pension benefits for cross-trained firefighters and paramedics.

"The Union," Horwitz said, "has a responsibility to make sure its members receive what is rightfully theirs. These matters are not points of negotiation but the result of a flagrant misuse of power by individuals sworn to uphold the laws of Chicago and Illinois. The job of a firefighter," he added, "is acknowledged as the most dangerous profession in America and yet, Union members are being denied full pension contributions on their salaries."

According to Horwitz, the lawsuit charges that the City refuses to pay full pension benefits for paramedics who are ambulance commanders and the Pension Board refuses to accept full pension contributions from the City for benefits of cross-trained firefighters. Horwitz added these contributions amount to approximately \$1.5 million, some of which are not being paid by the City and some of which are being held in escrow. "In essence," he said, "Union members have unwittingly given the City an interest free loan."



Zalewski installs speed humps in 23rd Ward

Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) (center) oversees a Chicago Department of Transportation crew installing a speed hump in a local alley. "The speed hump program," Zalewski said, "is becoming one of the more popular programs in the City. Each year we get many requests and try to honor as many as possible."



Vandals desecrate symbols of freedom

Last week vandals hit a flagpole and display of the Ten Commandments at the Klonowski residence at 5633 S. Menard. Homeowner Lucy Klonowski said, "I had my flag out every day for twenty years. She added, "Why take my flag? It was kind of old and everything but why take it? It was beautiful." Klonowski said she filed two reports with Chicago Police but all correspondence occurred over the phone and by mail. No one was sent to inspect damages. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



1st place winner Marissa Garbacz



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Worth's new website

Villageofworth.com
Well Worth a Visit
By F.J. Soczek

The official website of the Village of Worth has progressed significantly in the past few months.

The two "official" sites previously available to internet users have been successfully merged into one.

Alas, no more high school yearbook-style mugshots of Village officials, supplemented with the latest (as in 6 months old) minutes of the Village board meetings.

The burgeoning site is clearly in the early stages of its full development, but the potential is visible, none the less.

To access the official website, type in *Village of Worth* in the key-word search box of your favorite internet search engine.

If you are having difficulty accessing the site, try using the Google search engine. The *villageofworth* will be at the top of the list of links associated with the subject matter.

The first proclamation on the *villageofworth.com*, like all good commercial messages, helps pay the bills:

Illinois E-Pay Now Available—Pay Water Bills and Village Fines Online.

Certainly it's not the most pleasant message to be greeted with, but when you really think about it, it's incredibly convenient.

Face it. Nobody likes paying bills.

True, you can stash them in the back of the drawer and wait till the "reminders" come.

But they are not going to go away.

If you think otherwise, ask the foolish souls who recently incurred the wrath of the Village Clerk—those

who ignored repeated warnings to pay their water bills.

It will be rather embarrassing to ask the neighbor to borrow their water hose to wash your dishes.

Break out the plastic and get it over with. Save a trip to the Village Hall, a stamp, whatever.

True, you'll miss the quality time you previously spent *bonding* with the Village staff. Progress has its price.

You can use the site to *Report a Pothole*. Just type in the location and the public works staff will hopefully find it and take action.

There is a nice link to the Public Works Chipper schedule—just click on your location within the red-lined districts and the available dates will appear.

The Zoning Board of Appeals looks imposing, with a listing of requirements for those seeking a variance in the Village building or zoning code.

The Police Department site is currently inoperative or "under construction," with only a rough outline of information links posted.

There is a rudimentary link available to the Worth Park District, which lists the commissioners and park locations, as well as links to separate sites sponsored by the Worth Library and School district.

The Water's Edge Golf Course has its own site, created by Kemper Sports Management.

A very useful "Government Links" section allows one to access sites supported by the State of Illinois, Cook County, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Townships of Worth and Palos, Worth Historic Museum, Moraine Valley

Community College, as well as State Representatives Anne Zickus and Christine Radogno.

With vacation time rapidly approaching, you can take advantage of the one-stop, almost full-service web site to gather your passport documentation and e-mail the village clerk for an appointment to beat the seasonal rush. For a modest fee, you can renew these vital credentials in town.

The *Election Information* link is one of the most comprehensive information sources on the site.

Included with the dates of future elections, registration sites and polling places is a scoreboard of last spring's Village election results.

There is also the start of what appears to be an online Business Development link on the Village of Worth homepage.

Hopefully, as the database grows, Village business and commercial property owners and buyers/renters can be matched via the web site.

With the potential for online permit and application processing, the *villageofworth.com* is a valuable communication tool, well Worth a visit while "surfing" internet.

V.F.W. Post seeks donation

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post #177 at 10537 S. Ridgeland Avenue in Chicago Ridge, is seeking help from the communities around the post for a Campbell Soup Label Collection. The labels will be used to buy a bus for the National Home Program.

If you can donate labels, please call 708/636-3220.



Pictured from the left is Judge Harris and Ralph DeBartolo, president of the association.

Judge Harris endorsed by Police Association

Judge Sheldon Harris with the Circuit Court of Cook County, received the endorsement of the Italian-American Police Association, at their meeting on

January 8 at Enzo's Restaurant at Harlem & Foster.

Judge Harris is a candidate in the upcoming primary election on March 19.

Palos Hills unveils plans

by Jude Coyle

The Palos Hills City Council Meeting of January 17, opened with children from Oak Ridge and Korae Elementary Schools displaying their winning DARE posters. DARE, or Drug Abuse Resistance Education is taught to children in fifth grade. Mayor Gerald Bennett applauded the efforts of individuals like Officer Rose Tayler who have taught DARE. According to Bennett, 1100 or 1200 children have graduated from the program over the past 12 years. The current group is the 13th class. Winners of the Poster Contest were Matt Girdwain, Jenny Hagler, Brittany LaBuda, Lisa Minogue, Tom Rajski, Ariel Wroblewski and Alexandra Ekonomou.

Following that, Mayor Bennett announced the Dollars for Scholars' winners. Michelle L. Florek will receive \$500. She is enrolled at St. Xavier University in the Field-Based Master's Program, and is pursuing a de-

gree in Teaching and Leadership. The second \$500 went to Charles J. Kahr. He is enrolled in the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice program at Moraine Valley.

Dollars for Scholars is a national network of community-based foundations. Palos Hills earned money towards college scholarships from the proceeds of the Bingo tent at Friendship Festival 2001. Nicor contributed an incentive grant.

Dr. Rosemarie Carroll of Palos School District #118 invited everyone to a Gala Ball at the Palos Country Club. This is to celebrate the 160th year anniversary of the founding of the first Palos Township school. This includes today's School Districts #s 117, 118 and 135. There are currently 300 children from Palos Hills now enrolled in District 118.

Ordinance 2002-01 amended ordinance 2001-05. This relates to the compensation of City officers and

employees. This ordinance replaced the positions of Director of Public Service and Director of Senior Citizens with Director of Recreation, Director of Community Resources, and Coordinator of Senior Citizens. This was approved by the Council. Once that was done, Mary Jo Vincent, Cindee DeNormandie and Mary Theresa Orlovicz were promoted into those positions.

Jean Lynd Wall of Select Property Services, Inc., and Shalvis Group Architecture unveiled plans for the corner of 95th and 88th Ave. Ms. Wall is an advisor on the subject of TIF properties. TIF, Tax Increment Financing, targets unused or forgotten parcels of property. Property taxes at those sites are frozen for a maximum of 23 years. The taxes would continue to increase as that piece is improved. The increment over the initial frozen amount received on those pieces would be returned to that property and used to finance improvements, such as lighting, sewers, etc.

If approved, this would be Palos Hills' first TIF. The property is where Ace Hardware was located. Ms. Wall displayed an overview showing what plans were being discussed. The current Ace building would be divided into several multiple use units. Al's Beef, new to the area, would occupy one corner, and they would use an 'old Chicago' type of motif on the exterior. Maple Lake Liquors would move. Also, the planners are talking to several restaurants. The basement of the Ace would be rented out for office space. Two homes were to be removed and replaced with a common parking area. Country Inn & Suites hopes to build a 80 unit hotel on the property as well. Another suggestion was to include the neighboring Brown's Fried Chicken into the TIF. The project is under consideration.

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Crossing improvements at 94th to become a reality

by Jude Coyle

Mayor Jim Sexton of Evergreen Park related a request from Tony Kinnard at the February 4 Board of Trustee Meeting. Tony wanted to know if it was feasible to build a skate board rink at Duffy Park. According to Attorney Vince Cainkar, the Village would have liability if the rink was supervised. Mayor Sexton promised to pass the request on to the Park Board.

Mayor Sexton then congratulated the Evergreen Park Police Department for their work relating to the capture of an armed robber. The culprit had committed crimes in Oak Lawn, Hickory Hills and one in Evergreen Park. Prints were lifted from the scene in E.P. and sent on to the State Police. The culprit was identified and arrested. Use of the E.P. evidence van was instrumental in the quick work.

With regrets, Mayor Sexton accepted a letter of resignation from Marty Masterson of the Park Board. In his place, Sexton asked the Board approve his appointment of Jim Ryan of E.P. Mr. Ryan would finish out Mr.

Masterson's term, which will end on 4/30/05. The Board agreed.

Village Engineer Robert Boehm expressed relief that finally, the permanent traffic lights at 91st and Western were up and working.

Boehm reported that a hearing was held by the ICC on February 1st. The 94th and Kedzie project was approved finally, and now the Village awaits a written order giving them the go ahead.

This project had been in the works now since '96. There had been a number of accidents at that crossing. Not only does the train cross Kedzie at that point, but the Village Hall and the Library both exit onto Kedzie right there. According to Boehm, this became crucial when a boy died at that crossing in '97.

Work includes traffic lights on 94th, left turning lanes, roadway work and coordination with the tracks at 94th. The railroad would be required to wire the tracks to provide the crossing with a 66 second warning, and install a rubberized pad at the crossing. New street lights

Park Public Library at 9400 S. Troy on Tuesday, February 26 at 7 pm.

"Business Basics" is the first of the Small Business Support Program seminars scheduled at the library, as part of a joint project between the Evergreen Park Chamber and the Evergreen Park Library. The seminars center on developing awareness of business related issues and offer a forum for small business and community networking. Future topics include marketing, stress management, financial considerations, and customer services. Funding for the

would be installed last.

Seventy percent of the cost will be provided by a Federal grant. The Village has already approved the rest of the funds. IDOT will let the project in Springfield. Work should begin within 45 days after letting it. All work, according to Mr. Boehm, must be completed within one year's time.

Business Regulation Certificates approved at that meeting were:

Timeless Digital Enterprise, the Plaza (digital photography).

What Do Eye Care Optical, Inc., 9850 S. Kedzie (Optician service and sales.)

Merchant Bankcard Systems, 3621 W. 95th St. (Consultant third party helad management & agent for credit card processing & leasing).

Fat Predator Weight Company, the Plaza (herbal weight loss company).

Friend's cuts, 9250 S. Kedzie, (beauty salon).

DMC Real Estate Planning & Development, 3552W. 95th St. (mortgage loan application service).

program was provided by a state grant.

Call the Evergreen Park Library at 422-8522 to register.

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Martin Ozinga, Jr. recognized at LCM Crystal Heart Ball

Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation held their 12th Annual Crystal Heart Ball at the Field Museum on February 2, 2002. This year's gala was chaired by Dr. Richard and Colleen Farrell. Cochair's were Tom and Mary Ellen Fabey. The event was emceed by News 2 Chicago's political editor Mike Flannery.

More than 850 guests helped to honor the 2002 Mary Potter Humanitarian Award recipient, Martin Ozinga, Jr. This award is given to individuals who embody the ideals, vision and mission of Venerable Mary Potter, Foundress of the Little Company of Mary Sisters. It is testament to the recipient's compassion, commitment and the gift of empowerment.

Mr. Ozinga was recognized for his work in establishing the Evergreen Park unit of the American Cancer Society, for many other charitable works, and for his leadership in civic, business, community and Christian matters. He served during World War II as a Marine Corps pilot and flight instructor, and as delegate to the Illinois Constitutional Con-

vention in 1969 to 1970. He has lent his leadership talents to organizations such as the Evergreen Park Police and Fire Commission, the Evergreen Park Lions Club, the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce and Chicago Christian High School. Mr. Ozinga has been very involved with Trinity Christian College, St. Xavier University and the Evergreen Park Christian Reformed Church.

He and late wife, Janet De

Maa, has raised three children, Martin III, Kenneth and Beverly, all of whom were born at Little Company of Mary Hospital. He is the proud grandfather of twelve.

Mr. Ozinga, a life long resident of Evergreen Park, is retired from the First National Bank of Evergreen Park where he served as President. He also helped to expand the business know as Ozinga, Bros., Inc.

"Really BIG Auction" by Sertoma Moves to Evergreen Park

Evergreen Park Mayor Jim Sexton officially welcomed Sertoma Center Foundation's "Really BIG Auction" and Development Director Melanie Jones to the village. This is the first year the event will be held in Evergreen Park.

This year, the Silent and Live Auction will be on Sunday, March 24 from 3-7 pm with the live portion starting at 5:30 pm. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the

Martini Restaurant. Admission to the auction is free and open to the public, with families encouraged to attend. An international buffet will be offered for \$15 per person.

Guests can bid on over 400 diverse items in the silent auction and two dozen in the Live auction, with items ranging from jewelry to vacation packages and sport and entertainment memorabilia and more.

Business Basics offered at Evergreen Park Library

Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton, Chief Edward Clobessy, and officers of the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce introduce prospective business owners to the process of starting a business in the Village of Evergreen Park at the Evergreen

Pack 3665 presents 'Ground Zero' flag to Village

by Jude Coyle

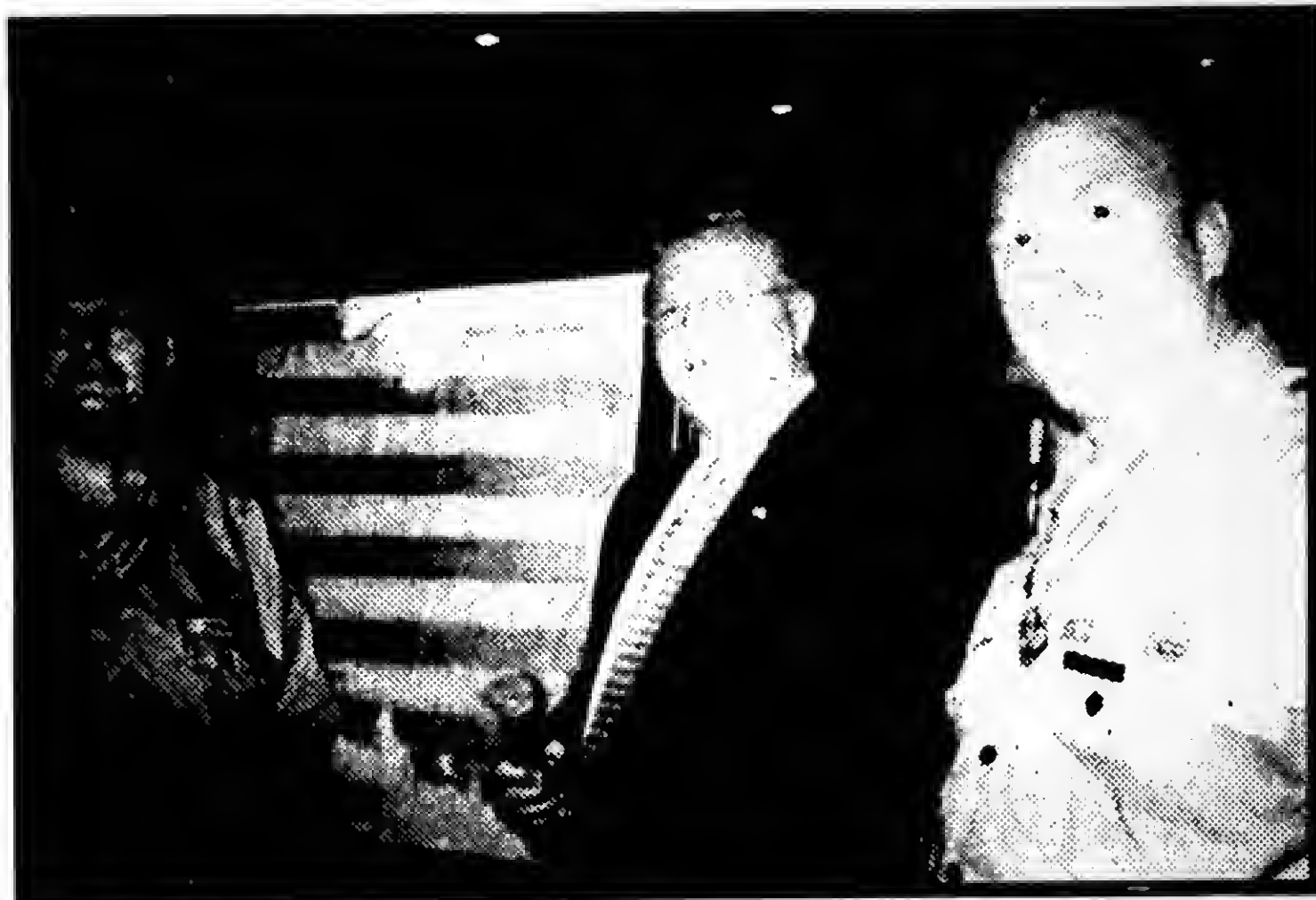
One of the most vivid memories that springs to my mind when the subject of September 11 arises is that of a dump truck pulling out of Ground Zero. Directly behind the cab, someone had erected an American flag. The winds were ferocious that first week, pelting workers and firefighters with debris and dust.

In spite of that, as the truck pulled away on its way to Staten Island, something in the way that particular flag moved behind the truck, spoke to me. It said, "yes, we suffered a grievous loss, an assault, no less. But it would take a lot more to do us in."

Now to the heart of this story. Pretend for one moment, you, the reader, are a Cub Master a thousand miles from Ground Zero, and someone hands you that flag and says, "destroy it." It is stained with red brown dust. Ruins caused by broken and separated threads, travels along the strips. Two chunks are missing, one at the top of the flag, and another at the bottom. What would you do?

As unlikely as it seems, one of us would have that dilemma to deal with. Dave Conrad, Cub Master of Pack 3665 of Chicago Ridge did. He said simply, "I can't."

Cub Scout Pack 3665 came into possession of the flag in November. It had flown over a dump truck from September 12 into that



Cub master Dave Conrad Mayor Gene Siegel and Committee Chairman Tom Smiley

month. In that very short period, the flag grew worn and tattered. The truck driver passed it along to Firefighter Mac Hodges of Heauveoton, NY. Hodges was filling in at Engine Company 1. This particular company lost 7 men on 9/11.

Anyway, the truck driver asked that the firefighter see to properly disposing of the flag. Firefighter Mac passed the flag onto his friend, Mike Hanus, asking Mike to bring it to his son, Christopher's, Cub Scout Pack, and hopefully have them destroy it. (Mike hauls office and school supplies between Chicago and Upstate New York. He and Firefighter Mac became friends because in his off time, Mac is a truck mechanic.)

"I couldn't just bring it back here and tell Cub Master Dave this is what we're doing. So I asked him what he thought about burning it, and he came up with the whole thing."

"I touched it," Cub Master Dave explained. "And I could feel the electricity. We had to find another way."

Committee Chairman Tom Smiley said it best. "It wasn't just the buildings coming down, it was the loss of lives. You don't know what is in the dust on that flag. We couldn't destroy that."

First the Pack purchased a new flag. Committee Chairman Tom said, "We wanted to send a message back to New York. Tell them we're here, and this is how we feel."

Each Cub Scout and each leader signed their names on the new flag. When they finished, family members signed. Mrs. Hanus then carried it to the Chicago Ridge Municipal Complex. The police and the firefighters signed it, and so did the Trustees, the Mayor and the Clerk.

Then Tom Hanus drove it back to New York. It was suppose to replace the first. Firefighters from Engine Company 1 had other ideas. It was put on display at that Engine House. The firefighters said that they had received a lot of mail from adults, but not many from kids. They made plans to send it on to other firehouses, engine and ladder companies for display.

By February, Engine Company 33, Ladder Company 9 had it. "I think his name was Perez," Mike Hanus said. "From the engine company that has it now."

Talked to him right before the Blue and Gold Dinner. He talked to Chief Grossi and Mayor Siegel, too."

The Pack held their annual Blue and Gold Dinner on February 16 at the Frontier Field House at 98th and Sawyer in Chicago Ridge. This is a celebration each pack holds in February. It commemorates the month Cub Scouting began in America, and it is the beginning of a new year in Cub Scouting. The boys are presented with the badges they earned throughout the year, and some move on to Boy Scouts.

The dinner is usually wrought with ceremonies, and believe me, Cub Scouts love their ceremonies. And this, according to the leaders, would be the perfect place to present the Ground Zero flag to the Village of Chicago Ridge.

The evening began with Marine Staff Sergeants Brian Schiler and William Kowalewski, of the Oak Lawn Recruiting Station, as they presented the colors. They were accompanied by

honor guards Chief-Randall Grossi, Lt. Charles Karuc, Firefighters Jeff Babcock, Gary Swiercz, and Scott Durling of the Chicago Ridge Fire Department. The group marched between lines of boys and leaders. As all stood at attention, Kim Kenny sang the Star Spangled Banner. Her voice rang out. Her notes were true and the simplicity of her rendition brought tears to the eyes of the onlookers. The Marines posted the colors and retreated. The firefighters followed. Then came the leaders and the boys.

Moments later they returned. Marines and firefighters marched side by side. The firefighters centermost carried the Ground Zero flag between them. It had been mounted and framed. A simple plaque described how it found its way to Chicago Ridge.

At that point, Cub Master Dave Conrad formally presented the flag to the Village

of Chicago Ridge. Mayor Gene Siegel accepted it on behalf of the Village. Mayor Siegel kept his comments short, saying how much everyone appreciated this in light of the disaster of 9/11.

Buglar Ray Lukes from H. L. Richards High School played 'Taps'. The ceremony ended when Staff Sgt. Schilar ordered withdrawal.

The only drawback of the evening was the plaque. "Somehow someone had gotten the idea that this flew on a firetruck," Cub Master Dave said. "It didn't. It flew on a dump truck. One of those that carried the rubble to Staten Island." The company that engraved the plaque planned to replace it with the correct information.

Asked what plans he had for it, Mayor Siegel said he planned to have the flag hung in the vestibule of the Municipal Complex where everyone could see it. "Already people are forgetting their patriotism," Mayor Siegel said. "Like flying the flag or wearing a (flag) pin on their lapel."



Marine Staff Sgt. Brian Schiler and Staff Sgt. William Kowalewski out of the Oak Lawn recruiting station.



Chicago Ridge firefighter Jeff Babcock

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New programs try to prevent crimes against seniors

By Illinois Attorney
General Jim Ryan

Senior Citizens constitute a significant and growing percentage of Illinois population. Unfortunately, seniors are also becoming increasingly vulnerable to crimes such as fraud, financial exploitation, and elder abuse and neglect. As Attorney General, I have aggressively worked at preventing crimes against seniors through education, training, prosecution, and legislation. The use of crime prevention programs has been particularly useful in combating crimes specifically targeted at seniors. For this reason, I have overseen the development of several prevention programs and initiatives in Illinois to protect seniors from becoming victims of crime. Some of these programs and initiatives include Elderly Services Officers Training, Triad, fraud prevention programs, and health care and elder abuse prevention programs.

Elderly Services Officers Training:

ESO Training is an intensive 40-hour course designed to educate and sensitize law enforcement and other employees to senior issues so they can play a more active

role in preventing crimes against seniors. This program, which is offered only in Illinois, is funded through VCVA grants, and is accredited by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The ESO training program was nationally recognized with the National Association of Attorneys General's Elder Initiative Award for improving the lives of seniors.

Since the ESO training program was established in 1993, more than 1200 individuals have completed the training. Officers completing the course will become elderly service officers and may become the law enforcement agent and advocate for seniors in their departments. Assignments may include crime prevention, community education, training and supervision of senior volunteers and department personnel on issues of senior crimes, as well as conducting "Senior Police Academies" and establishing county Triads.

Triads:

Triad began as a national initiative sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, the Interna-

tional Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriff's Association. Triads have been developed in communities throughout Illinois and the nation to promote crime prevention for senior citizens.

I have made the formation of local Triads a high priority on my agenda, and have committed staff and funding to assist communities in starting Triads. Local Triads are formed by a sheriff, police chief, and leader in the senior community. Triad activities help implement crime prevention, education, and volunteer programs for senior citizens.

Fraud Prevention Programs:

My office, through the Consumer Fraud Bureau, protects Illinois seniors who are victimized by fraud or deception. Because individuals over the age of 50 control approximately 70% of the United States' total worth and make up a significant portion of society, fraud is often aimed at seniors. For instance, telemarketing scams make about \$40 billion a year. Research conducted by the AARP shows that more than half of

telemarketing victims are over the age of 50. Furthermore, according to the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, fraud in America takes in approximately the same annual monetary amount as the third largest corporation in the Fortune 500.

For these reasons, several programs and initiatives have been established to combat fraud against seniors. A few examples of these include the following:

* **Attorney General Jim Ryan's Senior Hotline**-This hotline was established to give seniors with problems or questions an easily accessible resource for help. Seniors may call the hotline 9am-5pm Monday through Friday to speak with someone who will provide advocacy, information, and referrals as necessary.

* **Reverse Boiler Room**-My office, along with the AARP, conducted a Reverse Boiler Room in both Chicago and Springfield to warn those who have been scammed by telemarketers.

* **Y2K Fears**-Given the uneasiness of many people upon the eve of the new millennium, my office also developed and conducted semi-

nars to educate seniors about possible scams that would seek to exploit Y2K fears.

* **Illinois State Fair Senior Exhibit**-In partnership with the Illinois State Police, we have sponsored a booth for the Senior Center at the Illinois State Fair for the past four years. In the past, this booth has offered services such as telemarketing.

* **Informational Materials**-We also provide informational materials that seniors frequently need and request, such as brochures on telephone scams, managed care, and sweepstakes scams.

Health Care and Elder Abuse Prevention Programs:

As people age, they frequently require increased health care, and often face more problems with health care providers and insurance as well. For these reasons, the Health Care Bureau (HCB) can be of particular help to seniors. The HCB educates consumers about managed care issues, advocates on their behalf when conflicts occur, and enforces the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act. The Bureau often addresses such disputes as the denial of emergency or hos-

pital care, denial of access to specialists, denial of payment after care has been approved and provided, and difficulty with the grievance or appeal process.

Abuse is an increasingly significant problem for seniors. It is estimated that an elderly person is abused, neglected, or exploited every seven minutes in Illinois. Because of this, I have worked toward strengthening Illinois' response to elder abuse through legislation concerning mandatory reporting of abuse and financial exploitation.

Craft group in Evergreen Park

March is National Craft Month. Join the Craft Group at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street in Evergreen Park. The multi-talented ladies meet every Thursday at 9:30 am. The friendly group always welcomes newcomers.

For more information, phone 422-8776.

Pay property taxes on-line

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, announced that property owners will be able to pay their first-installment 2001 property tax bills via the Internet. The 1.6 million bills and brochures of 2001 first installment has been sent to homes and businesses in Cook County. "Using our web site to pay over the Internet means you can pay from home or work," Pappas said.

* The web site at www.cookcountytreasurer.com will be the only service authorized for Internet payments. The system, through Amalgamated Bank, allows taxpayers to use their checking or savings accounts from any bank.

* Through the due date of March 1, 2002, taxpayers will be able to click on the 'on-line payment' icon and follow the instructions to submit a payment directly to

the new Cook County Property Tax Collection service. Taxes can be made only via this web site. The users are given a confirmation number to ensure that their payment has been processed accurately.

* There is a \$1 convenience fee to use this service and collected and retained by the bank that provides the Pay On-line service.

* The web site also allows taxpayers to see their current balance. A refund search that lets taxpayers determine if they were among the 26,000 people or businesses who overpaid and double-paid more than \$41 million in 2000 taxes collected in 2001.

* Taxpayers may download refund applications and other useful forms at the site.

* Payments for delinquent taxes cannot be made on-line. They are payable only by mail or at the Cook County



Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St.

In Cook County, the first installment 2001 tax bills are due March 1, 2002 and are equal to one-half of the prior year's tax.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) formulates the Rules of the Road, and individual States then adopt Federal Standards. There are two fairly recent designs allowed by the NHTSA that make automobiles unsafe on the road, and must be stopped and outlawed.

One involves the XENON headlamps that put out a white light. When driving your car at night and another car is coming toward you with these white lights, you are temporarily blinded. One car is bad enough, but if car after car comes at you with these lights, your eyesight cannot recover fast enough to safely drive. These lamps must be made illegal before many make it to the road, and highway death toll agains begins to increase.

Another unsafe design are tinted rear windows. To drive defensively you need to see what's happening on the road ahead. Tinted rear windows prevent this. It's bad enough that you can't see

ahead when you're driving behind trucks, vans, buses and SUV's. We cannot allow it to get worse by allowing tinted rear windows on passenger cars.

Before automobile manufacturers can implement these unsafe conditions on new cars, why isn't the public made aware of the proposed changes, and then hearings held to air the pro's and con's of each change.

How do these unsafe conditions get by, when at the same time we're trying to reduce auto accidents and insurance premiums? Are some of these things already illegal, but the police are not enforcing the existing laws? Does the Congress need to repeal some bad laws and/or close the loopholes in existing good laws? Can't the federal and state traffic safety organizations be more responsive to the public good?

Very Truly Yours,
Robert Zielinski
Bridgeview, IL

Dear Editor:

Matt Mayer (View, Jan. 15) writes of Social Security that the "Middle class and especially low income employees needs the security of a guaranteed program, which the private investment account doesn't seem to provide."

Privatization is attacked as risky. Riskier than a system which has required 17 payroll increases since 1951 and is still approaching bankruptcy? Even the executives at Enron couldn't have thought up the Ponzi scheme that is Social Security, the fraud that is the "Trust Fund", a pyramid scheme launched when there was an abundance of workers to support retirees, but a scheme that would land the CEO of any private insurer in a federal prison.

If allowing workers to invest part of their Social Security payroll taxes in stocks or bonds is such a radical, wild-eyed idea, why does the federal government already run such a retirement income program for its employees, including members of Congress and federal judges? It's called the Thrift Savings Plan.

These accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as are CDs which typically yield 5 percent interest.

There are the Fannie Mae, Freddy Mac, and Ginny Mae bonds, also guaranteed by Uncle Sam, that pay 6.5% annual interest. All out perform Social Security and all are safe.

It offers a choice of stock or bond funds or Treasury securities to workers who contribute through payroll deductions. Created by Congress in 1986, the plan had assets of \$95 billion at the end of 1999. The stock fund's return of 13.19 percent for the year ended September 30, 2000, puts to shame the 3 percent earned by the Social Security trust fund in the same period. Shouldn't average Americans enjoy the same benefits as federal workers?

Are the executives of Enron, who padded their wallets before a corporate collapse wiped out the retirement plans of their employees, any different from members of Congress, who gleefully left town with a pay raise while failing to pass a job-creation package, and who continue to support a retirement plan, Social Security, which offers many a negative return on their investment, while opposing the very privatization they and other federal employees enjoy?

The fact is that for many Americans, particularly mi-

Tax Avoiders

Dear Editor:

It is the time of year when millions of U.S. citizens and thousands of companies are gathering the necessary information pursuant to filing their income taxes. At the same time, there are millions of U.S. citizens and thousands of companies conspiring to evade their proper tax responsibilities, and they usually succeed because of loopholes in the existing tax laws and the law enforcement of these laws.

Recent newspaper articles concerning the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), show that it has been denuded of its powers to enforce the tax laws, and as a result citizens and companies are not paying their taxes and are daring the government to do something about it. One article says "that because of congressional budget cuts, decimated employee ranks, and outmoded computer systems, the Internal Revenue Service is woefully inad-

equated to the task of enforcing the U.S. tax code." Some estimates indicate that \$300 billion in revenue is lost each year due to non-filers and cheats, with no attempt of any scale to recover the money. These owed taxes could go a long way toward reducing our national debt, toward paying for a lot of border patrol agents to control illegal immigration, and toward paying for the home security costs we are now facing due to the terrorist threat. I don't like paying 25% of what I earn each year to the State and Federal income taxes, but that's the price you pay for living in the U.S. and being a U.S. citizen. But this situation only makes sense if every one is paying their fair share.

I can only hope that the congress in 2002 will attend to the business of the country and expedite solutions to this pressing problem in non-partisan manner, instead of starting to campaign for their re-election. You don't need to campaign if you've accomplished something important. Voters will notice and reward you. Give the IRS their teeth back, so they can again rigorously enforce our tax laws.

Then again, I say that every two years and am always disappointed.

As the Internet circulates more and more schemes on how to beat the tax system, the revenue lost will be inestimable. Taxes not paid undermine essential government programs, such as Social Security and Medicare.

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Majorities with lower life expectancies, their rate of return from Social Security is zero. My father paid into Social Security all his life. He collected not a dime. Neither did my mother, who died before him. I got \$250 to bury him. The government kept the rest.

With a private retirement account, your heirs will get your nest egg, not Washington. Privatization would not only mean higher returns during the recipient's lifetime but after death would guarantee the transfer of an accumulated asset to children, grandchildren, or other surviving family members.

Today, even without privatization, more than 40 percent of Americans already have investments in the stock market through direct stock ownership, mutual funds or pension plans. The American people are neither a bunch of babies nor a bunch of idiots that need the federal nanny to hold our hands.

How is it that we can choose careers, get married, have and raise children, buy cars and houses and make any number of major life choices on our own without government telling us what to do, yet we are considered to be totally brain dead when it comes to planning our retirements?

Sincerely,
Daniel John Sobieski
Chicago, IL

Nazareth Ev. announces schedule for Lent

The Reverend M.C. Groth, Pastor at Nazareth Ev. Lutheran Church, has announced the schedule of Lent Services. Nazareth Ev. Lutheran Church is located at 3250 W. 60th St, Chicago.

Holy Communion Services will begin at 10 AM on the following days:

Wednesday 2/20; Midweek Lent 3, Wednesday 2/27; Midweek Lent 4, Wednesday 3/6; Midweek 5, Wednesday 3/13; and Midweek Lent 6, Wednesday 3/20. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Palm Sunday weekend, Saturday 3/23 at 5:30 PM and on Sunday,

3/24 at 10:00 AM. Maundy Thursday, 3/28, Holy Communion Service begins at 10:00 AM. On Good Friday, 3/29, Holy Communion Service begins at 10:00 AM, and Tenebrae Holy Communion begins at 7:00 PM. Sunrise Holy Communion Service begins at 7:00 AM on Easter Sunday, 3/31. Easter Breakfast will be served at 8:15 AM, and the Easter Festival Communion Service will begin at 10:00 AM.

For further information, please call 773/737-7082.

The Double Nickel Plus Chorus

March is *Music Involvement Month*. The Double Nickel Plus Chorus, an OCS Program under the direction of Emily Nowicki, meets at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street in Evergreen Park, every Wednesday at 9:30 am in Room 111. If you are an Evergreen Park Senior, love music and would like to sing in the chorus, please come and join in. Newcomers are always welcome.

This group is well received as it tours the southwest suburbs entertaining other Seniors, children and residents of nursing homes, hospitals and schools.

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Chicago Thunder

OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL, January 29, 2002. The Chicago Thunder Women's Professional Volleyball Team is available for public appearances.

For information on individual, group and season ticket packages, contact the Thunder office at (630) 575-8831 or log on to 222.uspy.com. Tickets for Thunder matches start at just \$8.

Pegasus Players continues its 2001-2002 season with the Chicago premiere of the powerfully poignant and hilarious play, *The Waverly Gallery*, by acclaimed playwright and Academy Award-nominated screenwriter Kenneth Lonergan. *The Waverly Gallery* begins performances March 1 and continues through April 14 at Pegasus Players, 1145 W. Wilson Avenue, Chicago.

A stirring and comic drama, the play follows the final years of grandmother Gladys Green, an established art dealer and feisty activist in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. Faced with the possible onset of Alzheimer's, Gladys is forced to give up her gallery, and with her family's support, cope with the consequences of the debilitating disease. *The Waverly Gallery* was a finalist for the 2001 Pulitzer Prize.

Ticket prices range from \$15-\$25, and are available by calling the box office at 773/878-9761.

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Encouraging patriotism

From Left: Dr. James Hogg and Dr. Richard Cooper, Doctors of Dentistry, who are shown in front of their office at 10232 S. Central Ave., in Oak Lawn, are encouraging other businesses in the area to fly the American flag "We should uphold our patriotism by displaying the flag of our great country."

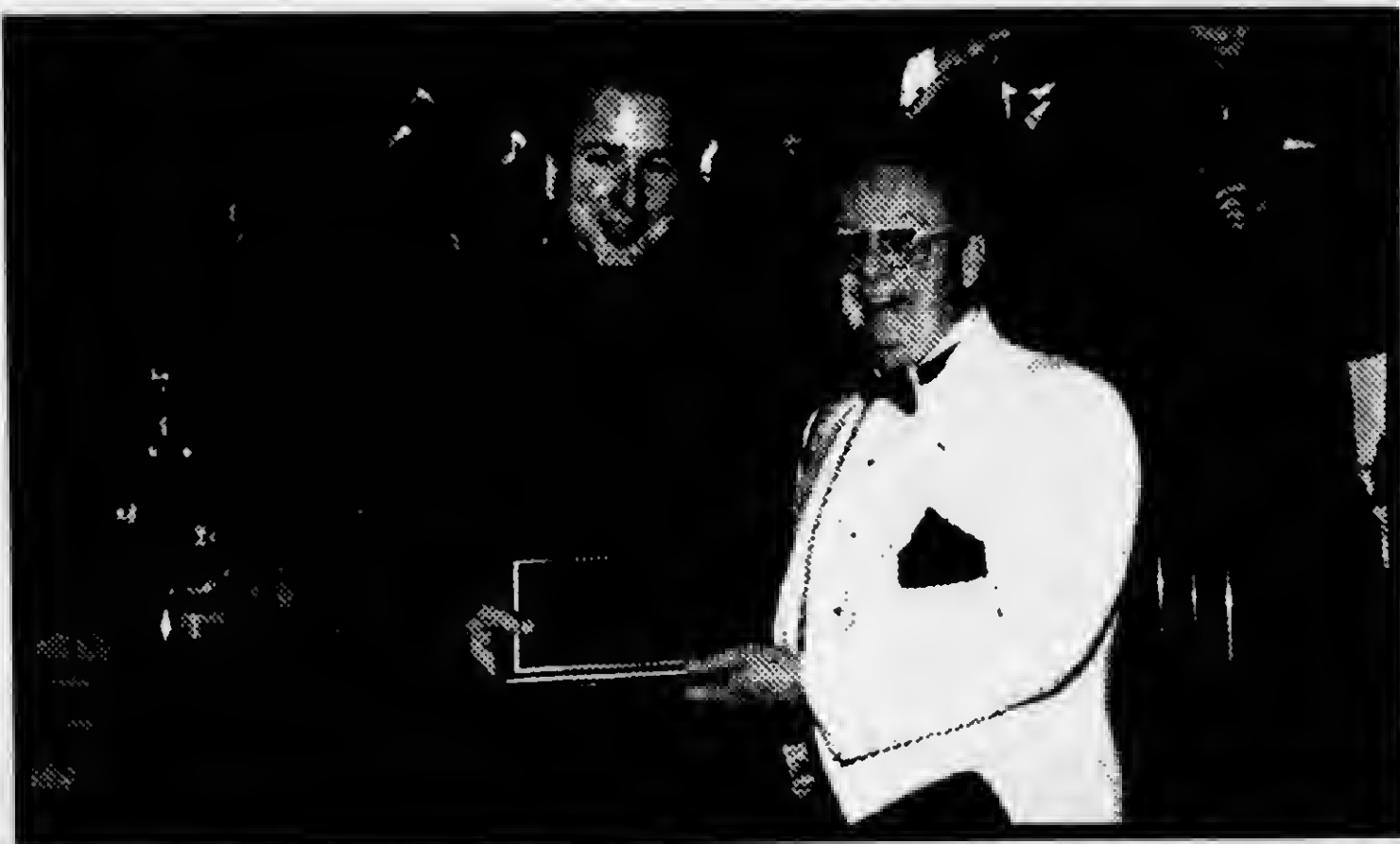
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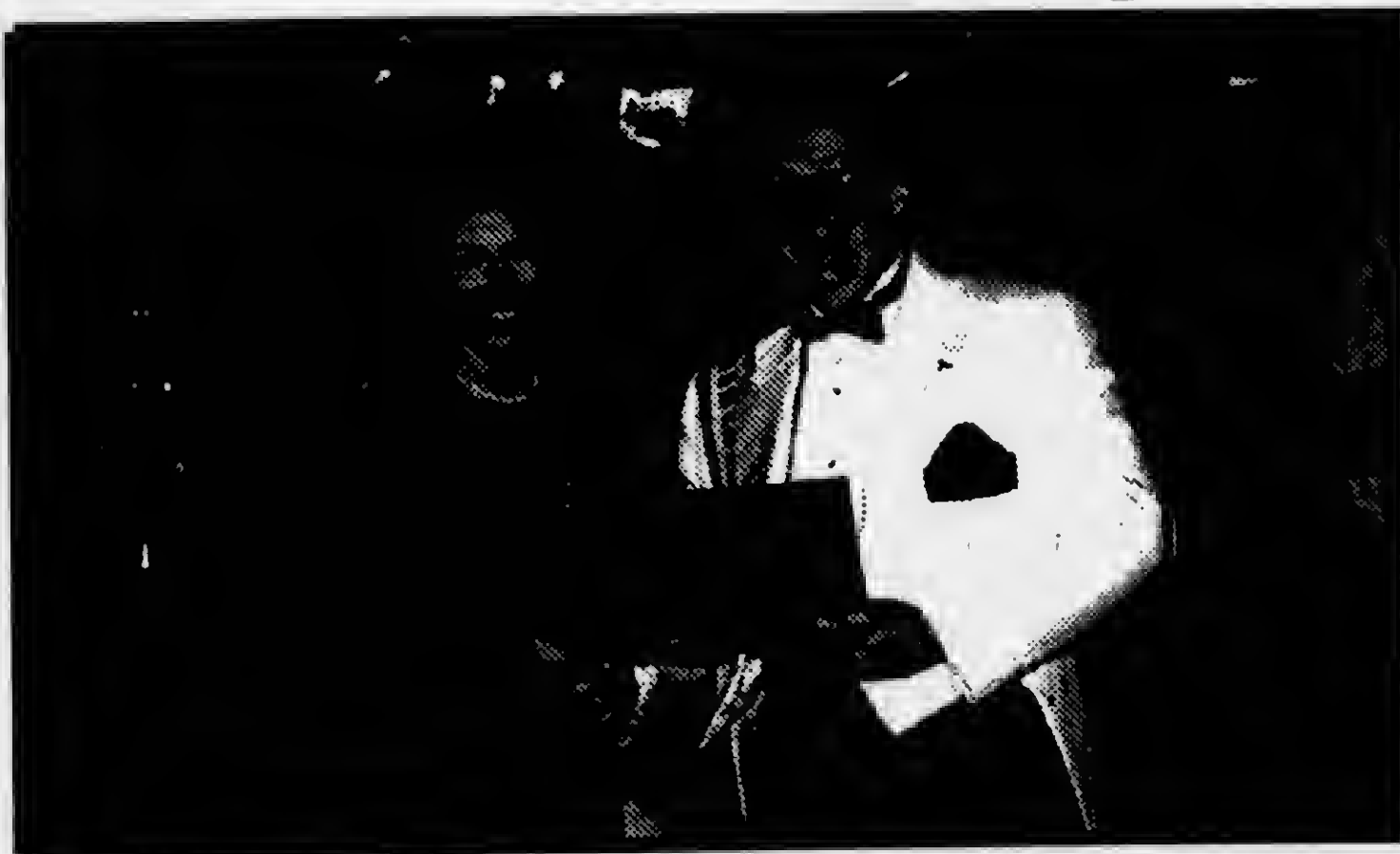
Sertoma's Mardi Gras Gala



Executive Director, Dr David Rompala, Au.D. (right) presents a plaque of appreciation to Robert Hord, Jr., of the Andrew Foundation, a major sponsor of the center.



Executive Director, Dr David Rompala, Au.D. (right) congratulates Tom Boyle for the support and sponsorship provided by the State Bank of Countryside.



Executive Director, Dr David Rompala, Au.D. (right) presents an award to Sertoma International Foundation President, Diana Caine-Helwig.

Chicago Southland offers 2002 Visitors Guide

Travelers looking for an easy way to save extra money on their next trip to the Chicago area can request a free **2002 Chicago Southland Visitors Guide**, a one-stop resource to the city's 60 south and southwest suburbs, only minutes from Chicago's "Loop".

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As the metropolitan area's golf hotspot, the Chicago Southland features 40 public golf courses, including Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont, home of the annual PGA Western Open. Additionally, the Chicago Southland is proud to host the **2003 U.S. Open Golf Championship** at Olympia Fields Country Club.

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District 123 to celebrate 100th Birthday

The Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 is celebrating its 100th Birthday this year, kicking off with a Fun Fair on Saturday, February 23 at the Oak Lawn High School gymnasium from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. The event will include a disc jockey, games, food, spin art, and much, much, more.

Then, on April 19, a gala Centennial Celebration will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Oak Lawn Hilton. The evening begins at 6:30 pm, when refreshments and hors d'ouvers will be available. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm, followed by a night of notable dignitaries and a nostalgic program. More than 100 vintage photos will be on display.

Executive Director, Dr David Rompala, Au.D. (right) presents a plaque of appreciation to Chicago Lawn Sertoma Club members, Mark Raber(left) and Harry Raber. The new mobile unit is dedicated to the memory Karen Raber.

Free Days and Fun at the Shedd Aquarium

February may be a cold month in Chicago, but that is when things heat up at the Shedd Aquarium, with free/discounted admission, family-fun activities and aquatic adventures.

The Shedd offers free/discount-day program on Mondays and Tuesdays in February. Admission to the original aquarium-only section is free. A discounted admission of \$7 for adults and \$5 for children aged 3-11 and seniors gets you into all of the exhibits, including the Oceanarium to see Pacific white-sided dolphins and beluga whales.

Join the Shedd on Saturday, February 9 for "Breakfast with the Dolphins", where you will enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet and tour the Aquarium for the day. Call 312/939-2438 for details.

Every day is an adventure at the Shedd, where you can visit 8,000 animals representing 650 species. Log on to www.shedd-aquarium.org for details.



Pictured left-right are Stefani Bishop and Gary Gow.

Palos Village Players present *Barefoot in the Park*

The Palos Village Players will be running *Barefoot in the Park* when they present the classic Neil Simon romantic comedy at 8pm February 22-23 and March 1-2 and at 4pm February 24 in the Little Theater of Palos South Middle School at 131st and 82nd Avenue.

Gary Gow of Oak Lawn and Stefani Bishop of Orland Park star as the newlywed couple who must adjust to the hilarious inconveniences of life in a 6th-floor walk-up apartment. The cast is

rounded out by Lori Nussle and David Branigan of Palos Park, Ken Evans of Oak Forest, and Chris Sarlas of Palos Heights. The show is directed by Steve Bell of Evergreen Park and assistant-directed by Peg Crawford of Palos Heights.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Reserve in advance by calling (708)403-4421. A brunch/theatre package is offered in conjunction with Hackney's Restaurant for \$20.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirly
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A few months ago, I walked into my doctor's office feeling rundown, achy, and expecting him to prescribe a cure-all remedy that would bring me optimum health.

I sat in the waiting room, with a list a mile long of all my physical complaints. My back constantly ached, the extra pounds I'd packed on weren't budging and seemed destined to be with me forever and ever.

My hope was that Dr. Coltro would order a litany of tests that would either pinpoint exactly what was ailing me, or at the very worst confirm a diagnosis of a dreaded disease I fearfully suspected. But, to my frustration and disappointment, he did neither. Instead he asked me a question that completely changed our doctor/patient relationship. Looking over my carefully constructed list of complaints, he asked me what I was doing to contribute to a healthier life-style. He took one look at me and assessed my medical situation. I was overweight, I drank too much caffeine, and rarely made time to exercise. In addition, my over indulging eating habits were anything but conducive to a healthy life-style, which explained the alarming rise in my cholesterol levels.

At first I felt put off by

what I perceived to be a stubborn arrogance on his part not to order the test I was convinced I needed.

It was later that evening that his words finally sunk in. If I do not take the necessary steps to improve my own health, how can I expect my physician to take my requests seriously?

Good health is not about enduring test after test; rather it's the every day healthful choices we make that can help prevent the need for future, long-term medical treatments. A more fit and trim attitude for life is just what Dr. Coltro ordered, and I'm taking the advice to heart.

Now when I schedule an appointment, I concentrate on the specifics of what ails me and, knowing I'm doing my share as a responsible patient, I'm confident I'm getting the most out of my checkups.

Doctors are not miracle workers. They cannot magically 'undo' the damage we routinely heap on ourselves.

And since I'm taking an active role in my health care affairs, I'm experiencing a more positive approach to enhancing my physical well-being.

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Caregivers Support Group at Little Company

Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers in Evergreen Park offers a caregivers' support group with information on effective caregiving as well as an opportunity to share with others the challenges they face.

The Caregivers' Support group is an ongoing program providing coping skills and support for home caregivers. Each two-hour session, hosted by a wide range of professionals in the health care field, will provide attendees with information on such topics as communication, establishing support systems, and making time for yourself.

All sessions are free and are held from 10 am-Noon. Sessions are held in Room 132 on the first floor of The Cancer Center. To register or for more information, please call Volunteer Resources at (708)229-5281.

Alzheimer's/ Dementia Networking

Rest Haven Central and Victorian Village recently held their Alzheimer's/ Dementia networking meeting. This group is designed to help educate people on various aspects of the disease. At the previous meeting, Rev. Harold Rust (the Chaplain of both facilities) spoke about spirituality consciousness among those with dementia/Alzheimer's. The networking sessions give people a chance to meet others who also have a loved-one stricken with disease. The group meets quarterly, and the location alternates between Rest Haven Central in Palos Heights, and Victorian Village in Lockport. Rest Haven Central is a skilled long-term care facility, and Victorian Village is a retirement community, which also houses those in need of assisted living, as well as Alzheimer's care. If you would like to schedule a tour of one of these campuses, please contact Rest Haven Central - 708-597-1000, or Victorian Village at 708-301-0800.

The networking meetings are open to the public, and one need not have a loved-one in one of the facilities. For more information specifically regarding the networking sessions, please contact Rev. Rust at 708-824-2579. www.resthaven.com

New Cardiology Director at Loyola

Internationally renowned cardiologist Dr. David Wilber was recently appointed director of the Cardiovascular Institute and director of Cardiology at Loyola University Health System, and the George M. Eisenberg Professor of Medicine at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine.

Dr. Wilber was selected after a yearlong search by Loyola's health system and medical school. He will also serve as a staff physician, directing the system's electrophysiology program.

Dr. Wilber most recently built a respected electrophysiology program at the University of Chicago Hospitals. He will be joined by three other physicians from the University of Chicago Hospital's electrophysiology and pacemaker laboratories: Dr. Martin Burke, Dr. Albert Lin, and Dr. Mauricio

Arruda.

Dr. Patrick Fabey, chairman of Loyola's Department of Medicine said, "Dr. Wilber is a skilled physician who gracefully combines the art of diagnosing and treating patients with the dedication and perseverance of a scientist committed to discovering cures for heart disease."

At Loyola, Dr. Wilber will continue his research in clinical electrophysiology. One focus is on the development of curative therapy for cardiac arrhythmias by catheter ablation, a technique to eliminate the abnormal tissue responsible for arrhythmia. Wilber has pioneered new techniques for ablation of atrial fibrillation and ventricular tachyarrhythmia.

Wilber holds degrees from Northwestern University and University of Michigan.

Learn about beads

The Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild February 19th meeting will feature Jeanne McDonald. Ms. McDonald will discuss the history of beads and beading, the types of beads, needles and thread used in beading. The program begins at 9 AM and runs until noon.

At the 7 PM meeting on

February 19, Carol Schaal and Ronna Page will teach a class on creating a scissors job.

Meetings are held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street, Oak Lawn. The phone number is 708 / 857-2200. All are welcome at either meeting.

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Evergreen Park firefighter recognized

Mayor James Sexton of Evergreen Park read a proclamation to St. Bernadette Students citing that Catholic Schools Week was officially open on Monday, January 28. Mrs. Arlene Baumann, Principal, then presented a plaque to Firefighter Ed Dunne and Officer Pete Donovan in recognition of Evergreen Park's service to the Community and for their help in New York after 9/11.

Circuit Breaker Senior tax relief program

The Circuit Breaker Program provides annual tax relief in the form of a grant based on the amount of property tax or rent paid. The income limit is \$21,218 (single) or \$28,480 married filing jointly.

Qualified applicants may purchase a pharmaceutical card that helps cover the cost of prescriptions. Also, those

who qualify receive a discount for their vehicle registration renewal. Applicants must file each year, however, once you've filed the form will be mailed directly to your home.

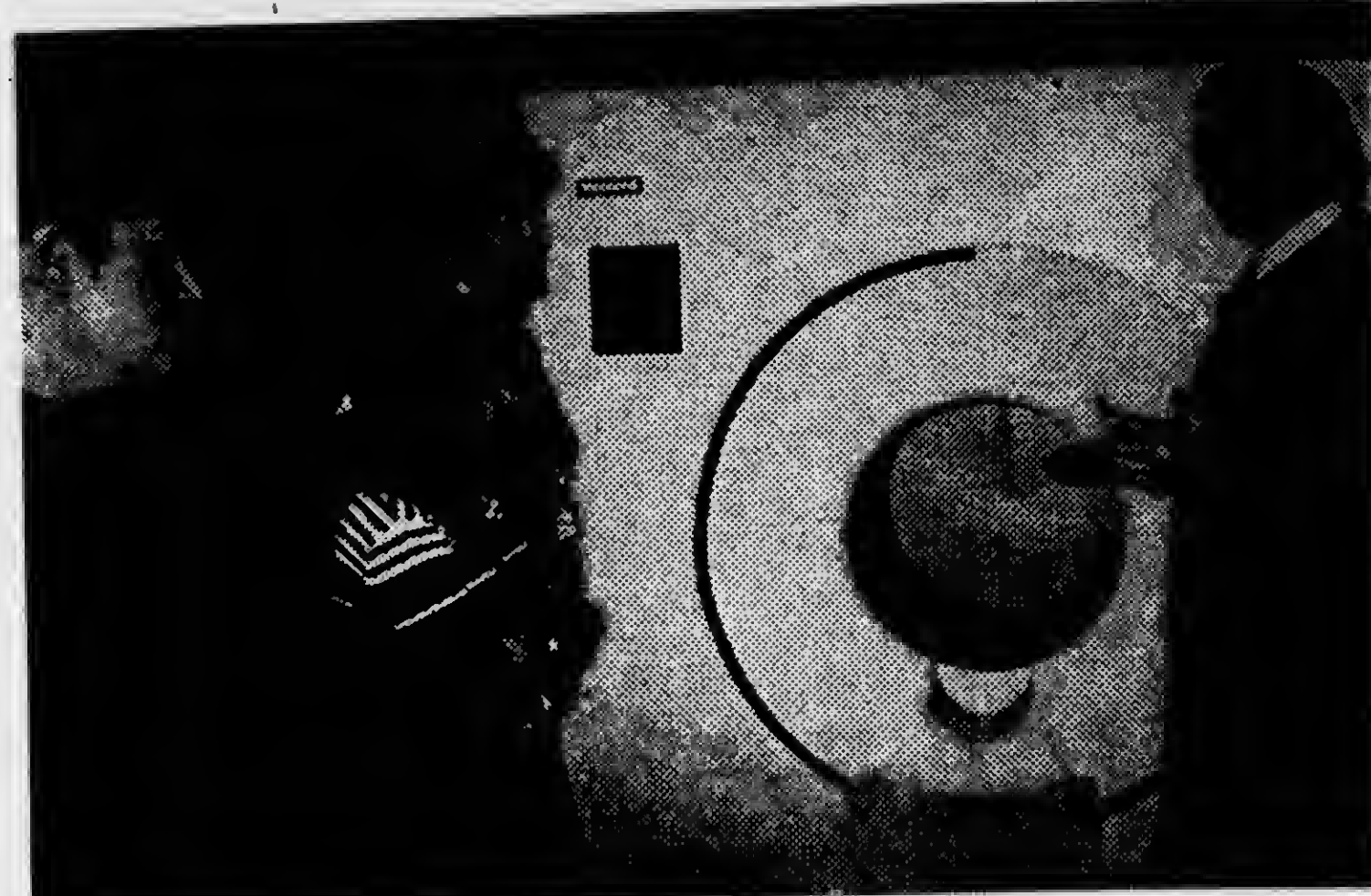
Forms are available at the Office of Citizens' Services in Room 107, 3450 W. 97th Street in Evergreen Park.

LCM enhances Cancer Detection Capabilities

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers now offers a new medical imaging technique called Positron Emission Tomography or PET. This procedure will allow cancer patients to reduce the number of tests and the time it takes to wait for results to be returned.

The PET scan is simple and painless. It allows physicians to see into the body in a way never before possible; making a diagnosis easier, and ultimately allowing for more accurate treatment. Much like a Computed Tomography, or CT scan, the patient lies on a table and is moved through the scanner, while the camera to take pictures.

"PET images are different than those from more conventional radiology studies, such as X-ray, CT, ultrasound, or MRI" says Dr. Irving Fuld, Director of Radiology at Little Company. Routine radiology procedures produce images of the body's anatomy or structure. The PET scan shows how the body's organs function. "A tracer material, such as glucose, is administered to the patient and the PET scan then images how the body processes the material, showing the body's chemistry, cell function, and the exact location of disease," continued Dr. Fuld. The PET scan provides two- or three-dimen-



sion landscapes of the body. Tumors are found easily.

The scan is noiseless and the opening is large. A scanning period of approximately 30 minutes adds to making the PET scan virtually anxiety-free. Most patients fall asleep during the procedure.

Dr. Fuld heads the staff of radiologists who will interpret PET scan results. Recently he was recognized in

Chicago Magazine as one of the top 500 doctors in Chicago.

PET scans have delivered impressive advances in the early detection neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's and epilepsy, and in the diagnosis of coronary artery disease. As Little Company broadens its experience with this new technology, it will examine future uses of the

PET scanner.

The PET is transported by coach and will be available to patients at Little Company one day a week starting February 6. PET scans for cancer testing authorized by a physician are covered by most payers, however, please check with your health care plan to verify coverage.

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Kelley & Brosnahan join hospital board



Lawrence Kelley

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers announced recently the appointment of Standard Bank & Trust CEO Lawrence Kelley and State Representative of the 36th District James Brosnahan to its Board of Directors.

Kelley's previous with Little Company include: Chairman of the 2001 Crystal Heart Ball, Director of Hospital Affiliated Services, Strategic Planning Committee member, and Real Estate Review Committee member.

Kelley has served as a committee member and the Director of Federal and State Legislation for the Illinois Bankers Association. He is

also a member of the Planning Committee of the Village of Evergreen Park and is a member of the Beverly Ridge Lions Club.

Kelley began his career at Standard Bank 21 years ago as a teller. He was promoted to Executive Vice President in 1993 and was elected Standard Bank President in 1994. He is a lifelong resident of Evergreen Park and received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Lewis University.

Representative Brosnahan serves the people of Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Chicago Ridge, Alsip, Blue Island, Merrionette Park, and the 19th Ward of the City of Chicago. He was inaugurated to a third term of office on January 10, 2001.

He helped pass the Managed Care Reform Act of Patients Bill of Rights, and is working for affordable prescription drugs for senior citizens. He has been named the Chairman of the Illinois Committee on the Disabled Community for the 92nd General Assembly.

Brosnahan has been a lifelong resident of the district. He attended Brother Rice High School and received his



James Brosnahan

Bachelor of Arts from Loyola University. He lives in Evergreen Park with his wife Janet and their children Tierney, 7; Jimmy, 5; and Julia, 3.

"I am looking forward to serving on the Board," remarked Brosnahan. "Little Company is an integral part of our community, and I feel honored that they have chosen me to participate in its plans and goals for the future."

St. Francis classes

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is offering an Open Airways class on its campus on March 4, 6, 11, 13 & 18 from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. The cost for this class is \$5 and includes class materials and refreshments. This American Lung Association sponsored program consists of five group lessons for elementary age children with asthma. The curriculum incorporates an interactive teaching approach, group discussions, stories, games and role playing to teach proper asthma management for a healthier life-style. Class size is limited.

Discover how the Chinese art of placement can affect your personal space, garden, home or even office! This class will be held on March 5, 2002, from 7-9 PM at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center. The cost for this program is \$20 and includes workbooks and refreshments.

To register for either class, please call 708-385-4433. St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is located at 12935 S. Gregory in Blue Island, IL.

Bush & Rep. Lyons announce expanded Prescription Coverage

In an effort to expand prescription drug coverage to seniors, the Bush administration announced recently that Illinois would be the first state to be tested for an additional \$100 million federal initiative contributing to Illinois award winning Circuit Breaker Program. This program will be called "Illinois Seniors Care" and if it is successful, it will be offered to other states.

Within the past two years, Illinois' Circuit Breaker Program expanded the threshold income for one person from \$21,218, \$28,480 for a couple, and to \$35,740 for a family of three. To receive prescription discounts, seniors pay only an annual fee of \$25 and a per-prescription fee of \$3, and then the first \$2,000 in prescriptions will be free. After \$2,000, the participant pays only 20% of the remaining cost.

Upon implementation of the new Federal plan scheduled for June 1, Seniors will

help thousands of Illinois' seniors, most already enrolled in Circuit Breaker. Seniors with annual incomes up to \$17,200 are eligible, as well as couples with an income of less than \$23,220.

New discounts include an average of \$3 co-pay for prescriptions up to \$1,750 per year. Amounts exceeding the initial \$1,750 will be covered 80% by Seniors Care. Recipients will have coverage to almost all prescription drugs on the market, far more than currently provided by Circuit Breaker.

"Federal funds expanding prescriptions drug coverage will provide additional help for seniors across the state to take advantage of new benefits offered," state State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange).

For more information regarding regarding Illinois Seniors Care or Illinois Circuit Breaker program, please call Rep. Eileen Lyons' office at (708)352-7700.



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VNA Foundation Introduces its first-ever Nursing Award

The VNA Foundation of Chicago is calling for nominations for its first **Super Stars in Community Nursing Award**. The Award is intended to acknowledge the service that Public Health/Community Health nurses provide, recognize the value of nursing in the community, and contribute to efforts to decrease the nursing shortage. One nurse from Chicagoland will receive an unrestricted \$25,000 award for his/her outstanding service to needy populations.

The winning nurse will have evidenced outstanding performance in one or more of the following categories:

- Innovation/Creativity: Innovation and creative contributions that have improved the health of the community

- Client advocacy: Exceeding the call of duty in advocating for clients

- Clinical care: Excellence in Public/Community health nursing care.

Eligibility:

- Nominees must have a valid RN license and work in Chicago or the Illinois collar counties (Cook, DuPage,

Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will)

- VNA Foundation may wish to interview nominees, and information about the winner may be disclosed by VNA via its website and other means

- Award recipient must be available to join VNA Foundation Board and Staff at VNA's annual award meeting to be held September 12, 2002

- The award recipient is likely to be a person who has demonstrated years of dedicated service, but all lengths of service will be considered

Process:

- Nominations forms are available on the VNA Foundation website at www.vnafoundation.net by clicking on the "Superstars in Community Nursing Award" link and following instructions

- Award recipient will be notified no later than May 1, 2002.

Fully completed hard-copy nomination forms (no faxes accepted) an all accompanying information must be received at the VNA Foundation office at 20 N. Wacker

Drive Suite 3118 Chicago, IL 60606 no later than 5p.m. on March 13, 2002 to be eligible.

- Nominations will be judged by the VNA Foundation and a panel of public/community health nursing experts.

The \$25,000 award is unrestricted and may be used for any purpose. Taxes are the responsibility of the winner. No self-nominations will be accepted. The decision of the VNA Foundation is final.

Now, the VNA operates exclusively as a grant making foundation, giving financial support to non-profits organizations offering home and community-based care to the underserved within the Chicago metropolitan area.

In the past five years, the VNA Foundation has awarded \$9,961,570 to 225 different nonprofit organizations. In fiscal 2001, the VNA Foundation funded 52 grants that included six school-based health centers, six homeless shelter clinics, and an innovative program providing integrated primary and mental health services to persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

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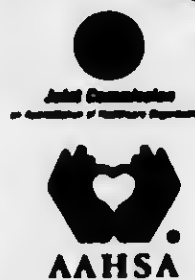
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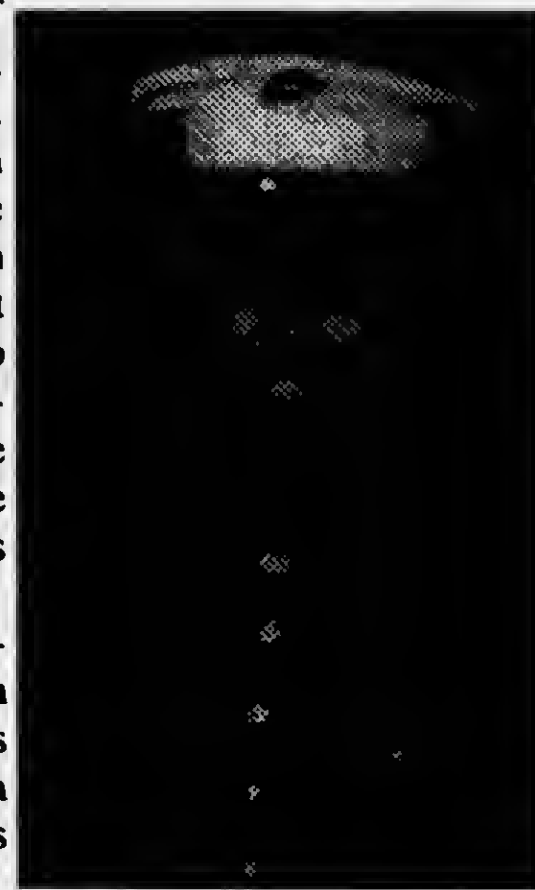
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Military News

After twelve weeks of Marine Corp. training, on February 1, Pvt. Jason C. Gutierrez has graduated from the United States Marine Corps. Recruit depot in San Diego, CA. After a short leave, he will return to Camp Pendleton for combat training. Following that, he will be going to Quantico, VA where he will learn about his job as a bulk fuel specialist.

Private Gutierrez graduated from Shepard High School in 2000. His parents are Michael and Linda Gutierrez of Worth, and his brother Michael J. Gutierrez.



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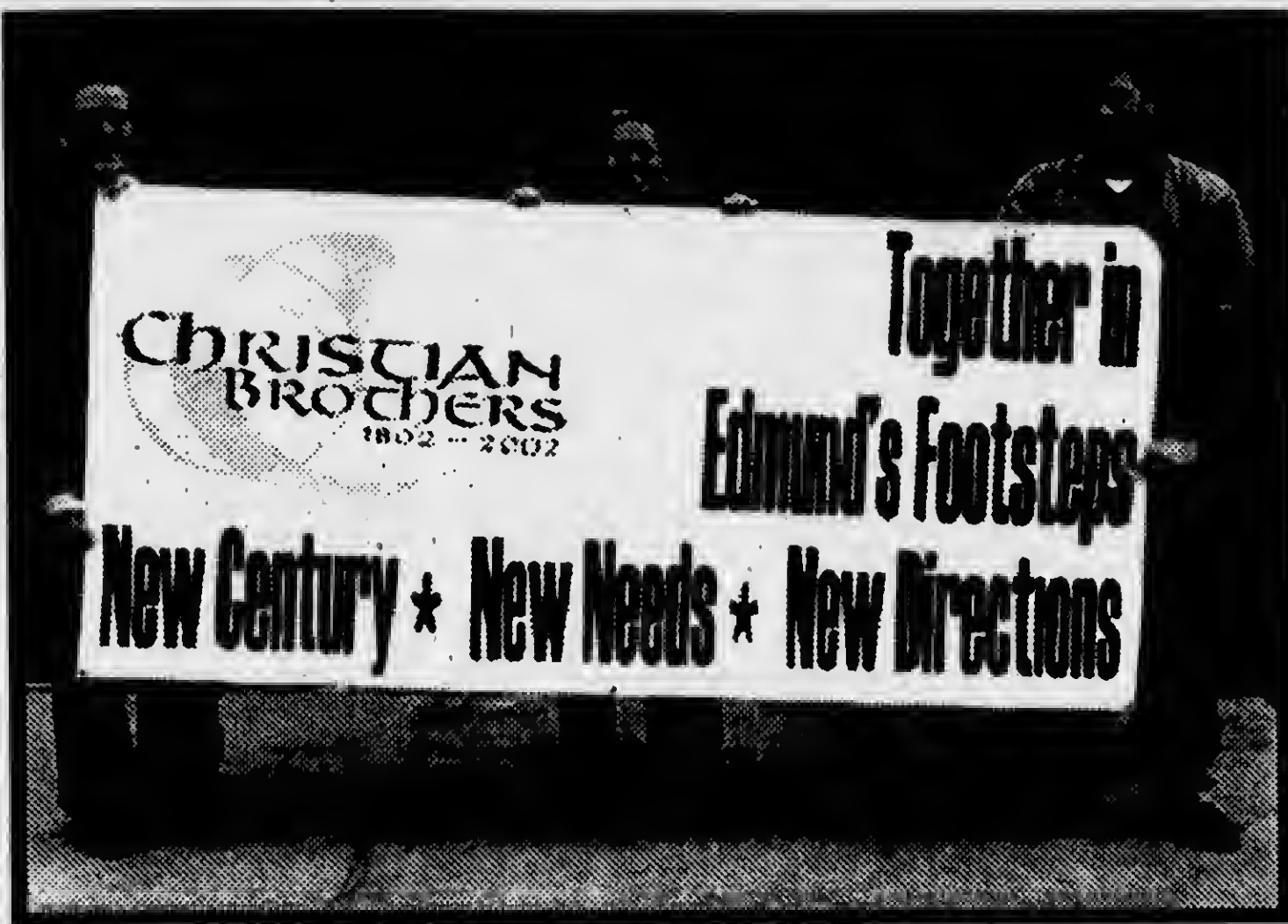
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From left: Br. Donald McGovern, Christian Brothers Western Province Development Director, Brother Rice High School Alumni Director Jim Casey and Brother Rice High School Development Director Mike McShane.

Christian Brothers celebrate 200 years

The congregation of Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice Family will celebrate their 200th anniversary during 2002. In the Chicago area the Brothers administer and teach at Brother Rice High School in Chicago and at St. Laurence High School in Burbank.

To further celebrate the 200th anniversary, the Christian Brothers are sponsoring a Pilgrimage Tour to Ireland in May 2002 with Bishop John Gorman, and in Sep-

tember 2002 with Bishop Kevin Britt. The tours will feature a visit to Mt. Sion, site of the first school opened by Congregation founder Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund Rice was beatified by John Paul II in Rome in 1996 and is today entombed in the chapel adjoining the school at Mt. Sion. People from around the world visit Mt. Sion to pray at the tomb of a man that the Irish Liberator Daniel O'Connell called: "the Patriarch of the

monks of the West."

Also, on April 28, the Edmund Rice Family will gather for the Celebratory Mass at 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Ridge Church in Bridgeview followed by a reception at the Beverly Country Club.

For more details about the tours or Mass, contact Brother Donald McGovern, CFC at the Christian Brothers Development Office toll free 1-866-511-9079.

Evergreen Park Salvation Army thanks volunteers

The volunteer holiday bellringers for Salvation Army are gone from the Fifth Third Bank in Evergreen Park, but the donation of their time and the contribu-

tions of caring people enable the multi-service programs to go on. On behalf of the Evergreen Park Unit of the Salvation Army---a special "Thank You!" to the volunteer bellringers and those who placed their contributions in the Salvation Army kettles. The proceeds from this endeavor fund the Evergreen Park Unit of the Salvation Army.

The next fundraiser for the Salvation Army is Donut Day in June. If you would volunteer, it would be appreciated. Please call 422-8776.

Evergreen Park OCS has party

Make plans to be at the party---the Annual OCS Spring Party---Wednesday, April 3 at the Martinique Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park.

After an elegant lunch (entree choice of jumbo shrimp or roast pork), our group will be among the first to view the Drury Lane's latest presenta-



Back row from left: Regan Blough, Kristin Zurawski, Kerry Rezmer, Sarah Gilligan, Angeline Wiencek, Amanda Law. Middle row: Alexandra Komorowski, Kerry Brackin, Elizabeth Madey, Jennifer Lenihan. Front row: Megan McBride, Mallory Bourke, Caitlin Carroll, Maura Gavin, Melanie Rahman

Mother McAuley holds luncheon and fashion show

The annual Mother McAuley High School spring luncheon and fashion show, *On the Edge of a Dream*, will be held on Saturday, March 9 at the Martinique in Evergreen Park beginning at 11:30 a.m. The event is open to all McAuley students and their mothers.

Sponsored by McAuley's

Mothers Club, the show features the latest spring casual attire, elegant eveningwear and a selection of white graduation dresses from such fine shops as Lili of Trieste II, Hansens Villa, Annes Ltd., Kimberly Bond Boutique and Mal's Mens Shop.

Sixteen seniors from the class of 2002 will model the

fashions, and wonderful prizes will be awarded. All proceeds from the event and raffles are used toward the operating expenses of the school.

Call Pat Singler at 773/238-9536 for more information.

tion, *Five Guys Named Moe*. The music plays tribute to the music of Louis Jordan, one of the most beloved songwriting talents of the 20th Century.

Luncheon at Noon, showtime at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$33 and are available at Office of Citizens' Services at 3450 West 97th Street in Evergreen Park.

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Quick supper with Mexican flare

Ingredients:
1 pound well trimmed boneless beef top round or top sirloin steak, cut 3/4 inch thick
8 small flour tortillas, warmed

Marinade:
2 tablespoon fresh lime juice
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
2 large cloves garlic, crushed

Pico de Gallo:
1 cup seeded, chopped tomato
1/2 cup diced zucchini
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 cup prepared salsa
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

Directions:
Place beef steak in plastic bag; add marinade ingredients, turning to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 20 to 30 minutes, turning once.

Meanwhile in medium bowl, combine Pico de Gallo ingredients; mixing well. Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak on rack in broiler pan so surface of meat is 2 to 3 inches from heat. Broil 12

to 13 minutes (9 to 12 minutes for top sirloin steak) for medium rare doneness, turn occasionally. Trim fat from steak, carve crosswise into very thin slices. Serve beef in tortillas with Pico de Gallo. Makes 4 servings.

Tender asparagus with mushrooms makes a delicious seasonal treat

Ingredients:
1/4 cup butter, softened
2 tablespoons country style Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup water
1 pound (24) asparagus spears, trimmed
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

Directions:
In small bowl, stir together butter, mustard and pepper; set aside. In 10 inch skillet, place water and asparagus spears. Cook over high heat until water comes to a full boil (3 to 5 minutes). Cover; reduce heat to low. Cook just until asparagus is crisply tender (5 to 6 minutes). Add mushrooms; continue cooking 1 minute. Remove from heat; drain. Add mustard mixture; toss to coat. Makes 6 servings.

Apple Chip Snack Ideas by the Bushel

Seneca Apple Chips taste great straight out of the bag, but there's more than one way to eat an apple chip! Here are a few ideas for serving up tasty and unique snack using apple chips:

Crunchy Caramel Apple:
Serve apple chips with cara-

mel dip at a kid's party.

Old-Fashioned Treat: Dip apple chips in apple, pear, or honey butter for a naturally sweet snack.

Peanut Butter n' Apple Twist: Spread peanut butter on apple chips

Make your own Snack Mix: Mix nuts, sunflower

seeds, cereal squares and apple chips.

Salad Enhancer: Sprinkle crushed apple chips onto salads for a crunchy, sweet topping.

Apple Chip Sundae: Garnish vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt with whole or crushed apple chips.

Fruit n' Cereal: Add coarsely chopped apple chips to your favorite cereal.

Apple Chips & Cheese: Serve apple chips as accompaniment to a cheese tray.

Advance Bank Prosperity Club is making plans

The Advance Bank Prosperity Club has exciting travel opportunities coming up. Members and nonmembers alike can enjoy journeys for only one-day or up to 12-days.

In March, the Club's busy schedule includes the Flower and Garden Show with lunch at Tufano's, and Noon Time Night Club at Orland Chateau, featuring Frank Pisani.

Travel Preview for our Southern Hospitality "Hub & Spoke" tour to Savannah will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at the Old Country Buffet in Tinley Park at 12:30 PM. A travel preview for our journey to England will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at Advance Bank in Homewood at 2:00 PM. Reservations are required for both previews.

On April 2nd, the Club departs for Texas on a 10-day adventure, and on April 25th, we're off to Europe and a 10-day deluxe river cruise on the Rhine River. Also scheduled for April is the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with a Spirit of Chicago luncheon, as well as a jaunt to the Paramount Theatre in Aurora to see The Odd Couple starring Barbara Eden.

Mark your calendar for June 5th. Greta Wiley is coming back!

For full details or to register for any prosperity Club event, please call Jan Haffner or Linda Koblack at (708) 647-2088. You may also call to request a Calendar of Events.

Put a little fun in your life - try the Prosperity Club's brand of fun!

Beverly kids working hard

Students of the Beverly Montessori School are working hard this month. Between welcoming new students and enjoying the unseasonably warm weather, the kids have been very busy.



St. Laurence coach named finalist

Colleen Finn, Varsity Cheerleading Coach of St. Laurence High School, has been named a finalist for the honor of ICCA (Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association) Coach of the Year 2001-2002. Last year, Finn was given the honor of WCA National Coach of the Year 2000-2001.

In her nomination, Finn was cited for the devotion of her time and energy to the sport of cheerleading and to her constant encouragement of her team to do the best they can. Finn is a teacher at St. Bede Grammar School and has been the Varsity Cheerleading Coach at St. Laurence for the past four years, coaching a team composed of girls from local area all-girls Catholic high schools. The winner of the ICCA Coach of the Year will be announced at the ICCA Spring Conference on April 13, 2002.

The Southwest AM class is studying nutrition, and the kindergartners are learning multiplication. The Southwest PM class celebrated Martin Luther King Day by learning the "I Have a Dream" speech, and the kindergartners wrote about what their dreams for a peaceful world are.

The Extended Day children are enjoying a variety of lessons. MC Escher is the artist of choice for the art lesson this month. In science, children are learning about amphibians. The students are also learning about Russia. They are learning Russian dances and music and they also made *matrioskas*, Russian paper dolls.

For registration information or to make an appointment to observe a classroom, please contact Linda Budewitz at (773)239-7635.

Senior activities in Evergreen Park

Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th Street in Evergreen Park, sponsors the following activities for seniors:

Cards, Tuesdays at 1 p.m.; *Chess*, Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; *Bridge*, Thursdays at 12 noon; *Pinochle* Fridays at 12 noon; *Exercise Program* Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am; *Video Exercise* Mon/Wed/Fri at 9 a.m.; *Garden Clinic* 4th Monday of each month at 10 am; and *Line Dancing* Monday at 12:15 and 1:15 p.m.

For further information, please phone (708)422-8776.

Maria Pappas to address Commonwealth Edison Retirees

Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, will speak before the Commonwealth Edison Retiree Club of Chicago, Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 9 AM in the Oak View Center, Board Room, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn.

Chuck Fusco, coordinator, announced that Ms. Pappas will discuss the workings of the new Treasurer's Office. Elected in 1998, Treasurer Pappas has made many major improvements benefiting Cook County residents, and is working on initiatives to improve services even further.

Treasurer Pappas, in a very short time, has significantly increased total interest earnings on monies held in County accounts. New investment systems are on pace to earn about \$22 million, more than quadrupling the 1998 performance of \$4.8 million. Newly designed tax bills and informational brochures have been created to provide better understanding about the property tax system.

Prior to being elected Treasurer, Pappas served as Cook County Board Commissioner for two terms. She received her degree in sociology at West Liberty State College in West Virginia and her Master's Degree in guidance and counseling at West Virginia State University. She went on to receive her

Doctorate in counseling and psychology from Loyola University and in 1982 received her Juris Doctorate from Kent College of Law in Chicago.

Under her direction, the Treasurer's Office has implemented a new cashing and general ledger system, which, along with other automation projects, will benefit the people and government of Cook County.

Moraine gains \$4.4 million in grants

Moraine Valley obtained more than \$4 million in grants this academic year and nearly \$6 million in state and federal financial aid awards in 2001-2002.

The highest amount awarded came from the Illinois Community College Board, with \$2.2 million in program grants. The grants were for a variety of purposes such as adult education, Accelerated College Enrollment program, and development of 14 online courses in e-commerce. In addition, the college received \$104,915 from the ICCB for deferred maintenance projects.

The total amounts of grants awarded for this academic year is \$4,443,314 and \$5,818,862 in state and federal financial aid awards for 2001-2002.

For more information, contact Mark Horstmeyer at (708)974-5275.

Oak Lawn Community Church

The Oak Lawn Community Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland will hold their Annual Spring and Summer Children's Clothing Resale (toys, equipment, maternity clothes also available) on Saturday, March 2 from 8 a.m.-12 Noon.

Shoppers are encouraged to bring laundry baskets for their purchases. Strollers and children will not be admitted until after 9:00 am.

If you would like more information, please call (708)599-4025.

Navy Pier Garden Show Trip in March

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood is hosting their annual trip to the Navy Pier Garden Show on March 12.

If you would like to attend, please mail a check in the amount of \$18.50 to the Garden Club at PO Box 557532 Chicago, IL. 60655-7532 and include your phone number for confirmation, or contact Leslie at 773/264-8001. The trip is open to members and non-members.

American Legion Women host Penny Social

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 854 of Evergreen Park will sponsor their annual "Penny Social" event on Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m. There will be raffles and refreshments will be served.

Proceeds from this fun evening will be used toward Nurses Scholarships.

Tax Filing assistance for seniors

It's Income Tax Season! NOW is the time for Evergreen Park senior residents to phone for an appointment to have the assistance of our counselors in filing their income tax return.

Call (708)422-8776 between 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for an appointment. Our counselors are volunteers and are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. by appointment at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street.

Be prepared to bring:

- *Last year's returns
- *New Forms
- *Social Security statements SSA 1099
- *Bank Account Interest statements
- *Records of any income received (pensions, etc)
- *Charitable contribution receipts
- *Real estate tax bill

V.F.W. Post 177 Ladies to host Bunco Party in March

The McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177 Ladies Auxiliary will host a Bunco Party on March 3 from 1-4 p.m. Treasures, raffles and refreshments will be part of the day's events. Admission is \$3.50 per person for ages 18 and older. Prizes for winners and losers in groups of 4, will be awarded.

The Post is located at 10537 S. Ridgeland Avenue in Chicago Ridge. If you would like more information, please contact Pat Sheppard at (708)636-3220.

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Revised Free Day Schedule at Museum

The Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) announced today a revision to its free day schedule-providing greater access to the Museum.

The schedule adjustment will provide for free admission to the Museum in 2002 on:

- * Mondays and Tuesdays through February 28
- * June 3 & 4, 2002
- * Mondays and Tuesdays August 19-December 17, 2002

"This change gives all Chicagoans greater access to the Museum," said David Mosen, President and CEO of the MSI.

Throughout the year, more than 700,000 people (40% of total attendance) visit the Museum of Science and Industry on its free day for free as part of a school group visit. For the past 4 consecutive years, MSI has had the highest free day and school group attendance of the nine Museums in the Park.



Vice President Kathleen Meany (second from left) and Commissioner Cynthia Santos (left) join AMSA Executive Director Ken Kirk (center) in presenting the Gold Award to members of the MWRD Stickney Plant. Accepting are (left to right): Bradley Schwartz and Sergio Serafino.

Stickney water plant receives award

The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) recently announced the awarding of the Gold Award for 100% compliance with the plant's operating permits to the MWRD Stickney Plant. The Plant serves a population of more than 2 million people living in a 260 square-mile and is the largest wastewater treatment plant of its kind in the world. It operates under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

An average of 800 millions gallons of wastewater enters the Stickney Plant each day. The flow comes to the plant

through four large sewers. The plant removes pollutants from the wastewater by means of physical and biological processes. First it is screened to remove large objects and debris. Then it goes through a series of primary settling tanks, aerated grit chambers and sedimentation tanks to remove floating materials and finely dispersed contaminants. By the time the effluent leaves the plant and is released into the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal, more than 99% of the organic pollutants have been removed.

The solid materials removed during this process

are called biosolids. The Stickney Plant will process 213,500 dry tons of biosolids in 2002. These are processed through various systems including heated digestion, centrifuging, and drying in open-air lagoons. The dried biosolids are then disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

Commissioner Patricia Young said, "The improvements in water quality in the Chicago River are a result of the outstanding work at the Stickney Plant to comply with our permits and keep pollution out of waterways."



Moraine Valley faculty announces scholarship participants

The Faculty at Moraine Valley recently announced its recipients for the spring 2002 semester Faculty Association Scholarships. From left: Karen Sweet (Orland Park), Habibah Abdullah-Ayyash

(Orland Park), Mark Wallace (Tinley Park), Jennifer Anderson-Gasik (chairperson), Steven Melinauskas (Alsip), Julia Joy Marek (Oak Lawn), Sheri Menza (Orland Park), and Colleen

O'Sullivan (Evergreen Park). The scholarships, totaling \$2,550, can be used for college expenses such as tuition, books and fees at the college.

Quick Beef Burgundy

Total preparation & cooking time: 30 minutes

- 1 package fully-cooked, heat & serve boneless beef pot roast (1 3/4-2 1/2 lbs.)
- 10 oz. uncooked egg noodles
- 1 lb. small mushrooms
- 2 small onions, cut into thin wedges & separated
- 2/3 cup Burgundy or dry red wine
- 3/4 tsp. dried marjoram leaves, crushed
- 1 tblsp. cornstarch, dissolved in
- 3 tblsp. water
- chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Cook noodles according to package directions; drain and

keep warm.

Remove pot roast from package; transfer liquid to Dutch oven. Cut pot roast into 1-inch pieces; set aside.

Add mushrooms, onions, wine and marjoram to liquid. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, uncovered, 7-8 minutes or until vegetables are almost tender; stir occasionally.

Add beef. Bring to a boil. Cook 2-3 minutes, or until beef is heated through; stir occasionally. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Bring to a boil; stir 1 minute or until thickened. Serve over noodles; sprinkle with parsley, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

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Extra Fudgy Best Ever Raspberry Swirl Oatmeal Cookies Bars

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Baking time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 cup real semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons raspberry preserves

Directions:

Heat oven to 350°. Melt chips and butter in 2 quart saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until smooth (5 to 8 minutes). Remove from heat; stir in sugar and vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add flour and salt; mix just until flour is moistened.

Spread batter into greased 9 inch square baking pan. Drop spoonfuls of preserves on batter in the corners and around edge of pan; gently pull knife through batter towards center for swirled effect. Do Not Over Swirl. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until brownies just begin to pull away from sides of pan. Cool completely. Cut into 20 bars. If desired, dip edges in powdered sugar.

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Baking time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

- 3 cups uncooked quick cooking oats
- 2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour

Directions:

Heat oven to 375°. In large mixer bowl combine all ingredients except flour. Beat at a low speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes).

By hand, stir in flour until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes).

Drop dough by rounded tablespoons 2 inches apart onto lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.

Makes 4 dozen cookies.

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MVCC representatives visit libraries

Moraine Valley Community College representatives will visit the following area locations to answer questions about the college and meet with community members one-on-one.

"Our goal is to make Moraine Valley more visible and its programs more accessible to the surrounding communities," said Gene Jaglowski, a Moraine Valley representative.

The schedule is as follows:

Feb 20: Bedford Park Library 10am-1pm

Feb 21: Oak Lawn Library 5-9 pm

Feb 26: Worth Twnshp. 5-7 pm

Feb 27: Bedford Park Library 10am-1pm

Feb 28: Oak Lawn Library 5-9 pm

Moraine representatives will travel to several other locations throughout the Chicago district in February. A complete schedule can be obtained from the college's website at www.morainevalley.edu/recruitment/events.htm.

For more information, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708)974-5281.



Harris speaks to AARP chapter

At a recent meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons #3355, at the Heritage Manor, 5540 S. Narragansett, Judge Sheldon Harris explained the court system with a talk, followed by a question and answer period. Pictured (from left) is Anna Nuta Genutis, Lorraine DiGrazia, Nina Marshall, Judge Harris, Frank Borkowski and Helen Kasper.

New state laws for 2002

Zero tolerance for drug use in prisons. Health insurance parity for mental illnesses. Stricter penalties for illegal FOID cards and assistance for those without health insurance are among the new laws taking effect January 1, 2002, according to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-La Grange).

The following are some of the new laws that took effect on January 1, 2002:

Hazel and Bill Rutherford Wildlife Prairie State Park (SB 915/PA 92-401): Allows the state to acquire nearby park district property to expand the park.

Brownfield (SB 75/PA 92-486): Expands the Brownfields grant program to help clean up waste sites.

Statewide Alert (HB 643/PA 92-259): Requires the Department of State Police to develop a coordinated program for a statewide emergency alert when a child is missing.

Abuse (HB 3055/PA 92-295): Includes information about suspected abuse and neglect investigations in a child's permanent school record.

Adoption (SB 838/PA 92-318): Encourages adoptions by redefining the kinds of

homes-adoption-only vs. foster-that care for children placed with them by DCFS.

DCFS publications (SB 842/PA 92-321): Allows DCFS to use royalties earned from the publication of materials owned by or licensed by the Department as an additional funding source for its foster parent training programs.

Vaccinations (SB 1305/PA 92-375): Does not allow officials to decide that a child is neglected or abused for the sole reason that the child's parents or guardians did not vaccinate the child.

Fetus burial (HB 382/PA 92-348): Gives parents the right to bury or cremate a child miscarried before 20 weeks gestation.

Broadcast Industry Free Market Act (SB 720/PA 92-496): Prohibits TV, radio or cable stations from requiring employees/prospective employees to refrain from employment in a specific geographic area for a period of time after they terminate employment from the station.

Alcohol Delivery (HB 1000/PA 92-380): Requires delivery persons to get the signature of someone at least 21 years old when delivering alcohol.

Sweepstakes Fraud (SB 797/PA 92-436): Protects consumers from sweepstakes fraud by requiring mailings to clearly state that no purchase is necessary, disclose all information, and award the prize within 30 days.

Halal Food (SB 750/PA 92-394): Makes it a Class B misdemeanor to misrepresent food as being halal, food that is prepared under the strict compliance with laws and customs of the Islamic religion.

Too Drunk Defense (SB 265/PA 92-466): Eliminates the defense that persons were too intoxicated to know better when committing a crime.

Pornography (HB 229/PA 92-175): Allows police to seize computers containing child pornography.

Meth Labs (HB 978/PA 92-266): Allows judges to impose stiffer prison sentences on those convicted of operating an illegal drug lab if emergency response personnel are injured or killed in connection with illegal drug lab fires or explosions.

Prisoner ID cards (HB 2011/PA 92-240): Provides identification for released prisoners until they can obtain an official Illinois ID card.

Videotaped Testimony (SB 401/PA 92-434): Allows videotaped testimony of a mentally disabled victim who is not institutionalized to be admitted into evidence in the same manner that testimony of an institutionalized victim or the testimony of a child victim can be admitted in to evidence.

Crime Victims (HB 2865/PA 92-383): Adds stalking and aggravated stalking to the list of crimes for which victims can be compensated through the Crime Victims Compensation Act (HB 863/PA 92-412)-allows the court to accept a victim impact statement from family members of the victim.

Insurance cheats (SB 879/PA 92-233): Provides a financial incentive to bring civil suits against persons seeking to defraud insurance companies.

School attendance (SB 1026/PA 92-96): Charges anyone who threatens, menaces, or intimidates non-public school students from attending school with a Class A misdemeanor (up to one year behind bars). Public school students already have this protection.

Nursing Scholarships (HB 2436/PA 92-43): In-

creases the number of scholarships for nurses who plan to practice in Illinois.

Elections (SB 188/PA 92-465): Requires local election authorities to provide updated voter registration information within 10 days after the close of each registration period. Permits election authorities to list the names of all judges seeking retention in the same proposition on the ballot-rather than restating the proposition with each candidate's name.

Emergency Contraception (SB 114/PA 92-156): Requires hospitals to inform rape victims about emergency contraception or to provide the medication if it is requested.

Disabled Parking (HB 846/PA 92-411): Limits who can receive disabled parking permits and makes it illegal to park in access areas to disabled parking spaces.

Scott's Law (HB 180/PA 92-283): Requires motorists to take certain precautions when approaching a barricade or stationary emergency vehicle displaying flashing warning lights. Violators will face suspension of their driving privileges and a fine up to \$10,000. Named after Chicago Firefighter Lt. Scott

Gillen, who was killed by a reckless driver on December 23, 2000 while he responded to a traffic accident.

Military honors funerals (SB 876/PA 92-76): Allows the Illinois National Guard to perform military honors ceremonies at funerals where the federal government cannot.

Veteran's diplomas (HB 12/PA 92-446): Allows high schools to award diplomas to honorably discharged World War II and Korean War veterans who left school to serve during the war and never finished high school.

Selective Service (SB 290/PA 92-76): Requires men between the ages of 18-25 who apply for a driver's license or permit to be registered with the Selective Service.

Suspended Licenses (SB 602/PA 92-343): Suspends the driver's license of anyone convicted of reckless homicide for 24 months after they are released from prison.

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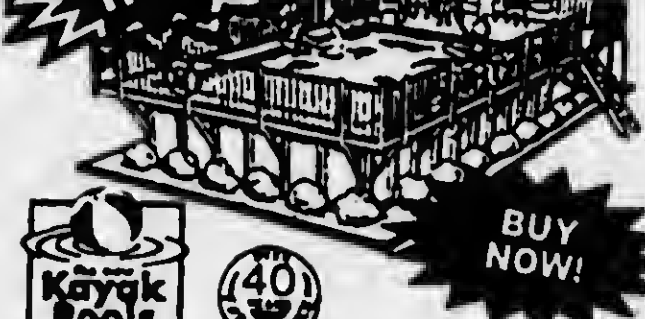
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Illinois CPA Society offers budget tips for 2002

If the slowing economy,
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nances will emerge intact, it's
time to take steps to reduce
expenses and conserve cash.
According to the Illinois CPA
Society, the most powerful
way of gaining control of
your money is to create a
budget.

**BUDGET IS NOT A
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Think of a budget as an or-
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determine where your money
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can create clarity and help
motivate you to more effec-
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come you earn. The math
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elementary-you simply want
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less than the money coming
in. Keep in mind, too, that the
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process as you create general
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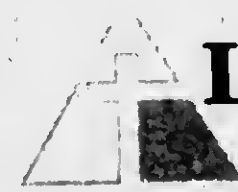
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Judge Harris to address Golden Eagle Club

Judge Sheldon A. Harris, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the Golden Eagle Club, Thursday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. at Balzekas Museum, 6500 S. Pulaski.

Stasy Korres, coordinator announced the judge will share his expertise on the court system. Currently he presides as Judge of Supplementary Proceeding-Miscellaneous Remedies at the Daley

Center. On April 1, 200, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Harris to fill a vacancy. He has proven himself an outstanding judge.

Judge Harris attended the University of Illinois and John Marshall Law School. he has a Juris Doctor Degree and is an American Jurisprudence Award recipient.



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drugstores," as she described the depression-era Garfield Ridge. "There really weren't too many stores," she added. "We had to go," she said, "to the drugstore over on 63rd and Archer Road in Argo." She added Archer Avenue was only two lanes and it was used by the truck farmers who brought their goods by horse and cart to Watermarket Street.

Joan said the Garfield-Ridge area was first settled by the Dutch. Truck farming was their means of making a living. She added the Polish began populating the area after the Dutch. She also said most of the activity by Polish residents took place in east-central Garfield-Ridge around St. Camillus parish.

"I do believe they used a Summit address," Joan explained when she said Garfield-Ridge had not been incorporated into the city until at least 1928, a year after she'd been born. She said the brick homes you see here today, with the exception of those old Chicago bungalows, were not here in the 1920's and early 30's. She said true homebuilding did not start until the war years. She said this was all prairie.

"The only trees that really grew here were the scrubwillows -those big willow trees- and polar trees," Joan added. "We did have sidewalks," she also said. Joans' grandfather worked for the railroad. She said he was a switchman and union representative for the railroad men. He worked for the Chicago and Alton railroad.

Joan explained her roots in this area go back three generations before her and at least two generations after her. Joan said she graduated high school in Chicago in 1944, married, moved out of town with the airlines her and her husband worked for, and returned to Garfield-Ridge about 20 years ago to retire.



Chicago Board of Elections representative Laura Jagielski stands before Clearing Civic League members

New voting system explained

By Rick Techman

About 50 local voters and taxpayers learned how the system of voting in Chicago will both change as well as remain the same during Primary Election Day Tuesday, March 19 at the Clearing Civic League meeting last week. A representative from the Chicago Board of Elections provided a presentation of what to expect.

Chicago Board of Elections representative Laura Jagielski brought with her to the meeting all of the basic equipment that will be used in each precinct polling place. She used it to provide a firsthand, comprehensive demonstration on the entire voting process - from start to finish- on election day.

Jagielski explained the actual process of voting hasn't changed. The use of the punch card ballot and the punch will remain the same for each voter when selecting their candidates in the voting booth. However the process of counting each ballot has been enhanced with new computerized equipment. These machines have expanded capabilities from the original ballot counters of the past 20 years.

The new ballot counter is slightly larger than the original ballot counters and sits on a table about the size of a card table where it can provide multiple functions. First of all the ballot counter can reject ballots and it will for reasons such as an under vote or an over vote. However Jagielski said there can be legitimate reasons for such voting practices and if a voter wants his ballot counted as is, the elections judges can press an override button on the counter and the ballot will go through.

Jagielski also said voters would feed their individual ballots into the ballot counter themselves. Rather than handing their ballots to the judges to place in the big blue ballot box, voters will place their ballot in a security sleeve once finished voting. They will then feed the entire ballot into the ballot counter which will register the ballot and secure the ballot inside the table.

When the polls close the judges will feed the absentee ballots into the ballot counter, Jagielski said, and will then press the print total button on the counter and immediately send the entire precinct ballot

count directly to the Board of Elections via phone line.

At least six voter tally tapes will be run at the polling place - one for each political party involved. One tally tape will be provided to each precinct captain and poll watcher legitimately participating in the election process after the polls close.

"Thanks again for the wonderful service," Jagielski said to the many election judges in the audience. "It is a lot of hours. It doesn't pay a lot of money. But if they weren't there, there wouldn't be people to run the election. So I want to thank them for their service."

"It pays \$100 to serve," Jagielski said, "as an election judge for the day. You receive an additional \$50 for going to the training session." Jagielski explained Cook County is actually the highest paying jurisdiction in America for election judges. She also said election judges are always needed and are invaluable to the process.

Summit Park District news

The Summit Park District would like to announce the following:

Park permits are now on sale. Come in early and reserve your date. The fee for residents is \$20 and \$15 extra for electricity, if needed. The non-resident fee is \$55 plus the electricity fee if needed.

Water Playground season passes are also on sale. For a resident family of four the cost is \$100 and \$10 for each family member afterwards.

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Ridge history resembles many areas

By Rick Techman

Physically disfigured by malnutrition, young girls roam the prairie searching for food along the blocks sparsely marked by wooden houses and the occasional truck farms with some garden food, pigs and goats as a financial recession hits this post-war community.

Does this sound like Afghanistan today? Does this sound like a current third world country? This description of a neighborhood in depression resonates from a local community resident of Garfield-Ridge who was born in 1927 and lived through the depression in this community always known to her as "the prairie."

Joan Flaherty Haese, who lived through the depression and war years here said, "In the depression there were

people here that were quite hungry. They were usually young men who could not find employment." She added though she was still very young at the time, her parents and grandparents fed the homeless who came to their door between hopping train rides out of town.

She said at one point it seemed all of the neighbors were sending the homeless to the Flaherty residents for food because the Flahertys were willing to feed them. At that her grandmother said she would stop this practice at once. But at the next knock on the door, after a long sigh, her grandmother agreed to feed the homeless young man at the door. Joan said these men would work for food but it wasn't always necessary.

Joan Flaherty Haese said, "There were no

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Water's Edge Golf Course may be on the edge of financial problems

By: F.J.Soczek

Dark, ominous storm clouds are beginning to loom over the financial horizon at the Water's Edge golf course in Worth.

One Village Trustee feels that perhaps it is time to break out the foul weather gear and hunker down for an inevitable downpour.

Five Trustees and the Mayor feel there is no real cause for concern. Things will be OK.

Trouble is, the first drops of rain have begun to fall, leaving an indelible impression on the bottom line of the fledgling course's balance sheet.

And the weatherman's forecast does not appear to be promising.

During their February 5th meeting, the Worth Village Board voted 5-1 to approve an addendum to the management agreement with Kemper Sports Management of Northbrook.

The original contract, dated November, 1998, will be extended until 2005, with options for two additional years.

For the 12 month period ending April 30, 2001, Kemper's fee was \$80,340. The following fiscal year's management fee increased to \$82,752.

Subsequent years will find the rates increasing from \$85,000 to \$120,000.

The latter fees will be due regardless of how well (or poorly) the course performs.

Trustee Mary Rhein, the sole dissenting voter, expressed concern over the logic behind such a substantial management fee increase, particularly when "the sales aren't there."

According to Rhein, Kemper's compensation should be "performance"

related, with the management fee increasing beyond three percent yearly only when targeted income numbers are achieved.

Mayor Ed Guzdziol praised the accomplishments of Kemper. "What they're pulling in, I'm happy with...I want someone who is an expert, and Kemper is it."

Responding to the sobering, bottom-line statistics, Guzdziol added, "We're not dealing in widgets. It's a golf course. There are reasons (for the profits) to be down, but the choice of Kemper is not one of them."

Trustee and golf course committee member Sharon Wierenga concurred, emphasizing the drawing power of the Kemper name and reputation. "We're driving a Cadillac on a Chevy budget."

Responding to the less than anticipated performance versus the exponentially increasing future bond/financial obligations, Trustee Georgia Prendergast proclaimed "We're right on track."

"This (increasing bond obligations) was all anticipated. We knew this all along."

Rhein also noted "the figures in the Worth treasurer's report are different" from the numbers prepared by Kemper.

Clearly, the confusion over the latter figures will continue until the Village and Kemper agree to utilize uniform accounting practices.

According to Worth resident Dee Woods, Kemper was previously asked to convert their "modified accrual" accounting technique to the cash method currently utilized by Village accountants.

The former method allocates sales tax and payroll liability in a different manner, thus making it difficult to effectively compare the two sets of figures.

The cause for alarm appears to stem from optimistic course use projections which did not materialize, coupled with significantly increasing bond obligations.

In 2001, the 30,330 actual rounds played fell 10 percent short of the projected 33,505.

Kemper projects 37,600 rounds will be played during the 2002-2003 season beginning April.

Bond expenditure for the 12 month period ending April 30, 2001 was \$279,992.

According to statistics obtained by Dee Woods pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the bond rates will increase to approximately \$495,000 in 2002, \$597,895 in 2003 and \$696,000 in 2004.

Considering the most recent golf course performance record, coupled with the latter "fixed" bond obligations, taxes, grounds and property upkeep, equipment depreciation, salary increases and a less than rosy nation-wide economic forecast, perhaps more than one person on the Worth Village Board should be concerned.

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The Ways and Means Committee of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church will be hosting a wine-tasting and cheese party on Saturday, February 23, 2002 beginning at 7 PM sharp. This event will take place in the Parish Hall, located at 8410 West 131st Street in Palos Park. Doors will open at 6:30 PM.

A representative from Brandt Cellars will be providing samples of a variety of wines for your tasting pleasure. She will be happy to accept orders payable by credit card or check only.

We welcome you and all interested to help us make this event successful. For further information, please call (708) 448-1350.

We look forward to tasting with you!

Re-Election Rally or Meany

Commissioner and Vice President, Kathleen Therese Meany, with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, is up for re-election in the March 19 Primary.

She is holding a Rally on Friday, March 1 from 8 to 11 pm in the Garden Chalet, 11000 South Ridgeland Ave., Worth.

Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soda will be served. Tickets are \$15 and will be sold at the door. Checks should be made payable to: Friends of Kathleen Therese Meany. Any questions will be answered by Janet Pecko, 630-920-8188. Please join in the fun and bring a friend.



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Help for the National Guard

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (center in front of podium) was a guest speaker recently at a press conference held by U.S. Department of Defense officials and other dignitaries. They announced a partnership with four Illinois utilities that will provide financial assistance to families of National Guard and Reserve members who have been called to active duty.

Commonwealth Edison, SBC Ameritech, Peoples Gas and Nicor have joined forces to offer assistance when the call to duty causes hardship for military families.

The Treasurer is a member of the State Committee of Employer Support of Guards and Reserve. ComEd and Employer Support for the National Guard and Reserve also are seeking matching funds from other agencies, which allow it to offer stipends to a larger number of eligible candidates.

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March 5, 2002

Hickory Hills recognizes police

by Jude Coyle

The first item facing the Hickory Hills City Council on February 28, was the recognition of citizens and police officers. Police Chief Vodicka introduced each individual, and read a description of the act in which that person was involved. Mayor Jack Faddis thanked each and presented them with certificates or service pins.

On 1/15, Chief Vodicka explained, Carla Gambla saw 2 males sneaking about her neighbors' house. When she noted them attempting to pry open doors and windows, she called the police. Her husband, Steve Gambla, immediately confronted the would be intruders. He frightened one away, but managed to detain the other until the Hickory Hills police responded. Both offenders were arrested. Mr. Gambla was cited by the police department for his quick thinking, and his successful efforts in preventing a burglary.

Detective Steven Wagner,

a graduate of Brother Rice High School, and former Marine, was presented with his 20 year service pin. He began his career as a part-time officer in Hometown. He was hired in '82 by Hickory Hills Police. During his career he served as a specialized traffic enforcement officer, defensive tactics instructor, member of the high risk entry team, tactical officer, and detective. Detective Wagner has extensive training in traffic accident investigation, and has received numerous awards and commendations by the Department.

Office Mark Jurak and Telecommunicator Lucy Thelen were recognized for their actions of 7/27, when they were able to prevent a murder and suicide.

Animal Warden Ingrid McNeff assisted detectives when a suicidal subject barricaded herself in her home. She tried to prevent the removal of a rare South Ameri-

can raccoon.

Officer Alejandro Lopez successfully apprehended a burglary suspect fleeing from the Justice Police Department on March 1st.

Lt. Michael Murphy entered a home on 6/6, and in spite of smoke and fire raging about him, removed an invalid woman prior to the arrival of the fire department.

Lt. Thomas Dietz provided the Glendale Heights police with information on a possible murder/suicide. The individual was arrested and a 9mm handgun with 2 full magazines of ammunition were recovered.

Sgt. Danny Skoczylas, Officers Alejandro Lopez and Glen Tienstra stopped a vehicle on 3/31. They arrested 3 occupants, and confiscated \$9,000 and a large amount of cocaine.

Detective Sgt. Michael Tardi, Detectives Mark Zvokel & Steve Wagner, Officers Charles Hobart, Gerald Mulack, Richard Gibbs, Ja-

son Bray, Mark Benaitis and Telecommunicator Sue Clayton were recognized for their response and the preservation of the murder scene of Philip McGovern on 10/2. Their efforts lead to the arrest of 6 offenders.

Alderman McCue reported that the City had received 19 bids for the construction of the new police station. The bids are currently being reviewed, and a decision will be made soon.

Alderman McCue also reported that the police department has made 3 times more felony arrests, twice the number of misdemeanor arrests, and twice the number of adult arrests in January, 2002, than in January 2001. The police department has also used half of the overtime hours this January than the year before.

City Engineer Lang asked the Council to approve a bid for \$33,359.50. National Power Rodding will continue their work at cleaning and televising the sewer system.

They have already identified four sewers that need relining. When the entire process has been completed, the City will then go out to bid for that.

The City Council decided to discuss the relocation of Standard Bank at the 3/28 meeting, after the Zoning Board has a chance to review the applications. Standard Bank and Trust plans to move their administrative operations to 7725 W. 98th St. Contingent to their plans is the need to add 8 more parking spaces. The property now has 32 feet of grass fronting 98th Street. According to Mayor Faddis, this is enough to provide angle parking and an aisle off of 98th Street. He doesn't see a problem with passage of the variance.

Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will sponsor a Spring Food Drive on Monday, March 5th through Friday, March 29th. Patrons may drop off nonperishable food and paper products in collection barrels near the book checkout desk on the first floor.

"Now, more than ever, people are going to local food pantries," said Susan Baird, Head of Patron Services. "I encourage everyone, please, give as much as you can. We cannot have hungry people in America."

The library will not accept opened or expired items. Donations will go to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area. For more information, call (708) 422-4990

Greeley speaks at St. Xavier

Reverend Andrew Greeley will present a lecture entitled "Facts About American Catholicism" at Saint Xavier University on Tuesday, April 9. Father Greeley will lecture and sign his books at a reception immediately following.

The lecture begins at 7 pm in McGuire Hall, Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St. in Chicago. Admission is free and open to the public.

A native of Chicago, Father Greeley is a priest, distinguished sociologist, and bestselling author. He is a professor of social sciences at the University of Chicago and the University of Arizona. He received the S.T.L. (Licentiate of Sacred Theology) in 1954 from St. Mary

of the Lake Seminary and his M.A. in 1961 and Ph.D. in 1962 from the University of Chicago.

Father Greeley's column on political, church, and social issues is carried by the Daily Southtown, Chicago Sun-Times, and the New York Religious News Service. He is the author of 30 bestselling novels, including his latest novel "Irish Stew", as well as "September Song" and "The Bishop and the Beggar Girl of St. Germain" and an autobiography "Confessions of a Parish Priest".

Reverend Greeley's lecture is sponsored by Saint Xavier's Center for Religion and Public Discourse. For more information, please call (773)298-3900.

E.P. awards bid on concession stand expansion

by Jude Coyle

At the February 18 Village Board Meeting, Mayor James Sexton reported that The Plaza marketing experts had compiled the results of their recent survey. Out of 6348 responses, 5400 were in favor of bringing a Target store into The Plaza. Talks with Target will begin soon.

Bids were opened and approved on the planned expansion at the Duffy Park concession stand. The building, which is located at 91st and Mallard, is currently 25'x20'. The 40'x20' expansion will add to the kitchen area, and much needed storage space.

The following bids were accepted; for concrete work, O'Connor Contractors bid \$11,300; for masonry, C&D Masonry bid \$23,850; Roberts Custom Carpentry bid \$17,565, for the roof and aluminium, Kevin and Sons bid \$7,126; and for the electrical work, O'Keefe Electric bid \$5,500.

Mayor Sexton called the Village's agreement with the Combined County Police Association, "A fair and equitable agreement for both sides". The Evergreen Park Police will received a 4 year retroactive increase, begin-

ning May 1, 01. This includes a 3-1/2% increase annually. The new agreement also includes a slight increase in insurance premiums and deductibles.

Predicated on the events of 9/11, the Village maintains a 24 hour watch on the pumping station at 3125 W. 89th. When Public Works employees retire for the night, a part time police officer takes their place. With that in mind, the Village awarded a bid to Pyramid Alarms of Lansing, for \$16,800. Pyramid will provide cameras for each of six hatches, as well as an

electronic tracking system. "If someone were to drop something into the water supply," Bill Lorenz commented, "Not only will we be able to see what zone had been breached, but we would have it on film as well." The same type of system is in use at Duffy Park.

Village is planning a \$800,000 paving and lighting project for the Mulholland Subdivision. This is the area between the tracks on the south and the high school. Plans currently call for work to be completed in late summer.

Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

Waking up to snow Saturday morning, March 2nd was quite a surprise. Never did I expect the meteorologist to be correct. We not only received our four to six inches of snow, but on Sunday morning another four to six inches, along with rain and ice, arrived.

I'm not complaining, but we aren't use to this type of weather this year.

On another note, while visiting St. Bede's Catholic Church recently, I saw a banner displayed on the altar with 10 names on it. These are members of the congregation that are currently fighting the War on Terrorism in Afghanistan. The banner is eight by four feet in size, and each name is set inside a blue cloth star. The background is red and white.

These individuals are also remembered daily at Mass.

Speaking of which, Bourbon Street on 115th St. has a traveling memorial display at the entrance of the restaurant.

It memorializes the tremendous loss of life at the World Trade Center on September 11. Bagpipe music along with the pictures and names of the fallen firefighters and police officers bring an emotional feeling as you enter and leave the restaurant.

Another way to memorialize the fallen is by signing an angel at Blue Swan Gift Gallerie in the Arena Shopping Center on 103rd and Cicero in Oak Lawn. On Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th you can send a personal message on the "wings" of an angel to the family of a fallen firefighter or police officer. You can pick the name of the family you wish to send your angel to. Your personal message will be sent directly to the family. There are 410 angels available. A Donation is Optional. Call for details at 708-423-8000.

Our heart and sincere condolences go out to the family of Sal Crivelone. Sal was

a great friend to us and all of Oak Lawn. I remember when he worked as a salesperson for Ernie Wulffe with the Advertiser and then started his own paper called the Marketer.

He was a hard worker, sharp, successful businessman and president, officer and director of many organizations and club.

Gerri, his wife, was his greatest love and support. Everyone saw the two of them together at every function until this past month, when he didn't have the strength to live life as he loved it. God bless you Gerri and may you continue your life just as Sal would want you to do. TRAVEL!

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My idea of gardening has always been to look for a seed or seedling that I thought was pretty, to open up a hole and drop in my offering. I'd then pray that the wind and the weather would favor me and my plants.

Borders and Evergreen Park Library celebrate Irish

The Evergreen Park Public Library and Borders Books, 2210 W. 95th St. in Chicago invite all Evergreen Park residents for a weekend of Irish stories, music, dance and author signings at the Borders bookstore March 8-10.

During this Irish celebration, Evergreen Park residents will get a 15-20% discount on most items.

Purchase Mike Cronin's book "A History of Ireland" or "Danny Boy: The Beloved Irish Ballad" by Malachy McCourt that weekend at a discount and have it autographed by the author on March 14.

For information call the Evergreen Park Library at 422-8522.

Book Reviews

by Jude Coyle

It's been hit or miss at best. Sometimes I tell myself 'well if this doesn't grow here this year, I won't buy it again next year.' Only by the time next year comes, I've forgotten that promise, only to realize when that plant doesn't grow again, I've tried it once before.

I think what impresses me the most is that I can apply what I learned to planning my garden. I've read other books about what plant is what, and what looks good with what. Until reading this book I hadn't thought about what parts of my yard are drier or cooler than other parts, or even the difference in plant choices for those areas.

This year though, I will plant my strawberries away from that cold, dry and shady part of the yard I'm always trying to hide. Instead, I'll find something hardier. And I've always wanted hollyhocks, and could never get the to grow. This year I have a better idea of where they belong. Maybe I'll add a bird-bath or even a much needed shed or stone pathway. And who said my bed had to be straight? I'm working on a few other ideas as well.

Local woman shares her Cher memorabilia

by Annette Dixon

Linda Stearns, former president of Oak Lawn PTSA, and resident of Oak Lawn continually makes news. Good news that is!

Linda made the credits on ABC Prime locaTime Thursday, February 28th at 9:58 and this reporter saw it.

She gave MTV several pictures and footage of Sonny and Cher. At Cynthia McFadden's request, MTV sent them on to Prime Time Live Thursday.

There was a segment about Cher. In my opinion, one of the best interviews I've seen in years. Cynthia McFadden tried her best to take over the interview but Cher tactfully and at times coarsely took the reins. Cher was at her best and at 55 years of age, which she loves to mention, proved once again, she loves the young

ones.

Cher is scheduled to go on a national tour and then hopes to be cast in the title role for a movie remake of MAME. Cher gets better each year.

Linda Stearns, for those who know her, will tell you that she is a Cher expert. As the National President of the original 60's Sonny and Cher fan club, Linda lived with them at times, shared ideas with them, handled their public relations, hyped their records and developed fan clubs throughout the United States.

Cher and Linda will meet while Cher is in Chicago. And by the way, Linda always has an open invitation to visit Cher whenever she is at her Malibu, California home.



CAPS meeting to meet 3/13

The CAPS Beat 812 Meeting and the Clearing Night Force Neighborhood Watch Group will meet on Wednesday, March 13, at 7pm, at St. Rene School Hall, 6949 W 63rd Place.

Officer Clark will present his usual report on the top 10 reported crimes in Beat 812. In many cases he can tell whether a family member or a stranger committed a crime. Officers from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Watch are available.

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In the Castle of the Flynns
by Michael Raleigh
Price: \$22.00

In the past I've read books about what it was like growing up Jewish, Italian, Greek or Slavic in New York, Cincinnati, L.A., or even Toronto. I'm part Irish and I grew up on Chicago's Southside, and for that reason alone, I enjoyed reading Michael Raleigh's new book, *In the Castle of the Flynns*.

Simply put, I can relate. Catholic school is Catholic school, and being of Irish decent is simultaneously sweet, funny and tragic. And, I think, every Irish family has its own collection of memorable characters.

Daniel Dorsey, the main character, describes how it was to grow up with his mother's people after the death of his parents. He talks about the loneliness of losing those who are that important to him, and his difficulties in establishing a new life with extended family.

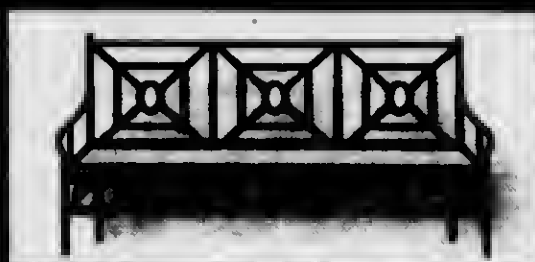
I laughed and I cried. More than that, I had a hard time putting this down.

Open house at Beverly Montessori

Beverly Montessori School will its annual Open House on Sunday, March 10 from 11am-2pm. We are welcoming the community--parents and young children, our alumni, educators, and all interested individuals to come and visit us. Our current students and their families will be attending.

Staff members will be available to answer questions and demonstrate materials. This is a great opportunity to come see what a Montessori classroom looks like, ask questions about our curriculum and materials, and meet teachers and administrators.

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- ☒ **Intimate Contact Jazz Band**
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1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Upcoming

- ☒ **Kidstuff Activities**
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every Monday in March and April
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- March 4: African Dance
- March 11: Creative Art
- March 18: Contemporary Dance
- March 25: Creative Art
- April 1: Contemporary Dance
- April 8: Creative Art
- April 15: African Dance
- April 22: Creative Art

All classes for ages 6 and up. Creative art includes basics of drawing and painting, bas relief, collage and printmaking. Contemporary dance is a combination of jazz and modern with a dash of hip-hop.



"It's Elementary Astrology"

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March 2002

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"It's Elementary Astrology" is based on the Elements: *Water [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] *Earth [Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn] *Fire [Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] *Air [Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and Astrology Sun Signs.

***Water Signs:** March says, "March IN and stay WITH your new plans or keep that new ATTITUDE. This is not a time to be shy about 'telling it like it is' where telling it like it is IS needed. Health is much improved, money seems to be 'there when you need it' and the world should look much better to you. Your own 'Genii' is also there for you. Whatever monsters you had in your closet have been evicted...so, be happy, be healthy and above all, be willing to take on whatever comes up, you are up to most any challenge and you win! J and G help if asked and people born in the sign of Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)."

***Earth Signs:** March says, "why be so sure that everything is a waste of your time and energy?" Who sez so anyway? Believe more in yourself and your own Genii, there is so much more to you than meets the eye. One thing for sure, you have to watch your weight and do some meditating if you are going to achieve peace of mind. When you don't look good you don't feel good and you know this is true! B and R involved and people born in the sign of Cancer (Jun 22-Jul 23). Check dental matters and you might have a check-up for those tummy troubles."

***Fire Signs:** March says, "Worry about kids seems to be uppermost in your minds. Kids have a way however of adjusting to new parental expectations. Health seems to be getting much better. Call on your own Genii to do what needs to be done, after all, it is your subconscious that runs your body and mind, tell it to run smoothly, it will! You'll get what you need if you will just take the time to put what you want into your mind's computer, believe it will come and it does. F and D involved and someone C. Work improves too."

***Air Signs:** March says, "Money may be on your mind, or how to spend it, even with whom to spend it on! There are some conditions that seem confusing to you, going on at work or with your mate. Speak up and let people know what is bothering you. You need to open up, people are not 'mind readers' or should they have to be. Someone may ask for a loan. There are some new people entering into your life, perhaps someone J or P. Put out the welcome sign!"

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Within a few years, Rubloff made a significant change to the Evergreen Plaza shopping Center, he enclosed it, creating what has been touted as the first indoor shopping mall in the Midwest. Large department stores like the now-defunct Fair Store and Carson Pirie Scott offered shoppers from Chicago's southside and suburbs more unique items,

while specialty stores offered a wide variety of merchandise. Restaurants gave hungry shoppers a place to stop for a bite to eat before they finished shopping.

Shopping has changed a lot in 50 years. Gone are the shoppers who headed for a trip to The Plaza in heels, pearls, and gloves. Today's customer shops in jeans, t-shirts, and chunky shoes.

In celebration of 50 years of success, the center officially changed its name to The Plaza to better reflect the regional customer base it serves. Special events and raffles will be held throughout the year to thank loyal customers. Customers will also enjoy ongoing entertainment in the mall. The Plaza also continues the 29 year neighborhood tradition of hosting *The Snowflake Ball*, which benefits the Beverly Area Planning Association.



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Du Puy speaks at Aglow meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, March 14 at the White Rose Banquet Hall at 6501 W. 79th Street in Burbank.

Reverend Linda Du Puy, Corresponding Secretary for the Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International, will be featured speaker for March. Married to Mike for 23 years, a mother, stepmother, and grandmother of seven, Linda is a graduate of the

Rejoice School of Ministry where she was ordained in 1998. She is the founder of Freedom Ministries, is an ordained Elder and Deaconess at Oak Lawn Community Church, and has held numerous positions there. She ministers through music as the director of New Creations Music Ministry, and as the Orator for Court Harvey, of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Until recently, Linda ac-

tively ran her own business. Having experienced numerous jobs, she has an insight into the daily struggles and hardships that many people face. After a nervous breakdown, the Lord lifted her up and restored her to her family, stronger and more vital than before. Linda loves to bring hope and share the good news that Jesus brings freedom from whatever chains that bind us through our faith and his salvation.

Bring a friend to hear her share how "Marriage & Stress=Submission and Solitude".

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 pm. For reservations or additional information, please call Josephine at (773)767-8031.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups and support groups.

Oak Lawn Chamber meeting

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for their next monthly luncheon on Tuesday, March 12 at Richards High School at 106th and Central in Oak Lawn.

Parking and admittance will be on the school's north side. The social hour is at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served at noon. For reservations, please call (708)424-8300.



When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all.

—Theodore Roosevelt

Word Processing Level 1 class at Evergreen Park Library

John Hojek, an instructor from Prairie State College's Corporate Training Department will conduct "Word Processing, Level 1", a basic computer instruction course at the Evergreen Park Public Library.

The hands-on training will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The fee is \$30 for 4 hours of instruction. Registration is required.

For more information, call 422-8522.

Character building begins in our infancy and continues until death.
—Eleanor Roosevelt

Easter ham dinner at United Methodist

The United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th St., in Worth, will again sponsor its annual Pre-Easter Ham Dinner on Saturday, March 23, 2002 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The admission is \$7 for adults, children (5-12) are \$3.50. Children under 5 are free. Advance ticket purchase is preferred. For more information, call (708) 448-6682

Beisman to speak at St. Fabian Phoenix

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group invites one and all to their speaker night on March 14. The speaker will be Caron Beisman, who will present "Chicken Soup is More Than Just for the Soul".

Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting will start at 8 pm. The meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd St. in Bridgeview.

For more information call Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne at (708) 499-5377.

Beverly Hills University Club presents "Pirates of Penzance"

The Beverly Hills University Club (BHUC) is proud to announce their spring musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*, the Gilbert & Sullivan classic operetta.

The musical is a hilarious farce wherein a marauding band of inept pirates intend to marry the eligible daughters of a "veddy proper" English Major General. The General has a clever idea: he is an orphan, and is thus spared their wrath. Meanwhile, pirate apprentice Frederic falls for Mable, one of the daughters, and he must choose between his love and his misguided sense of duty to his fellow pirates. The daughters enlist help from the Keystone Kops, setting up a final confrontation between the disorganized authorities and the even more confused pirates. Familiar tunes, witty wordplay and tremendous operatic voices intersperse with zany comedy in this delightful farce.

Performances are at Evergreen Park Community High School April 11-13 at 8 pm, and April 14 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$19, \$15 for seniors

and student groups of 10 or more. Call (708) 430-3031.

The cast includes: Patrick Mooney, GERAL Sweders, Cathy Smitko, Jill Schechtman, Brian Rigg, Chris Hasson, Kim Brines, Stephen Miller, Jennifer Miller, Andrea Bozinovich, Conor McCarthy, and Jamie Volk. Cassie Dawe directs, with Joe Collins serving as assistant director. Peggy Mooney is musical director, and Randy Jongsma and Jennifer Manz serve as executive producers.

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation annually awards scholarships to graduating high school students who live in the Ridge district. Over its 17 year history, the club has awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships. This June they will reach the 1000th scholarship mark. Our yearly musical provides most of the funds for these scholarships.

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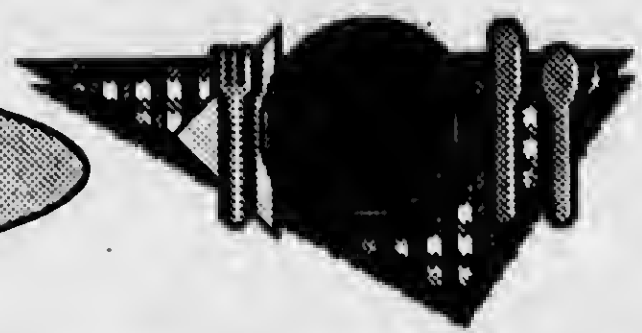
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Beef Rump Roast with Roasted Onion Sauce

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4-pound boneless beef round rump roast, flat cut
12 large garlic cloves, peeled
2 medium Spanish onions, halved, thinly sliced
1 cup water

Seasoning:

1 large clove garlic, crushed
1 1/2 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 tsp pepper

Heat oven to 350.

Combine seasoning ingredients, press into all sides of beef roast. Set aside.

Line a shallow roasting pan with heavy-duty aluminum foil, extending the foil beyond the pan to completely

enclose beef. Arrange half of the sliced onions and garlic cloves in foil-lined pan; place roast over vegetables and cover with remaining onion and garlic. Carefully pour the water around the roast. Bring the foil flaps up and crimp edges together to seal.

Cook 4-4 1/2 hours or until beef is fork-tender. (Be careful of steam when unwrapping foil)

Remove beef; keep warm. Strain the pan juices, reserving both the liquids and the solids. Puree the garlic and half of the onions in a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Add 1 1/4 cups cooking liquid through the tube with the motor running. Remove pureed mixture to small bowl; stir in the remaining sliced onions.

Carve beef into thin slices, serve with the onion sauce.

1/4 cup chopped onion
3 tbs. beef fat
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1 lb. ground beef
1 garlic clove, minced
1 3/4 tsp. salt
dash cayenne pepper
2 1/4 crushed tomatoes



Cutline Beef with Onions

Hot, Hearty Chili for a cold day

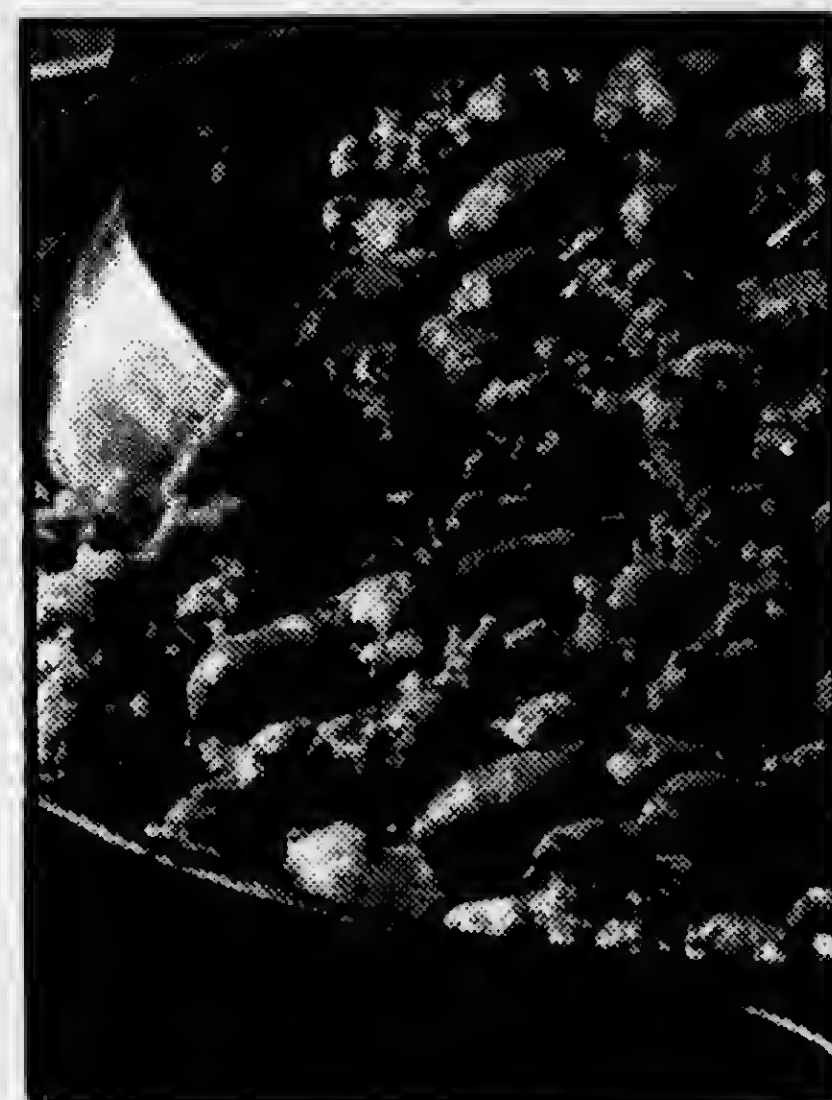
1/2 cup beef stock
1 1/4 cup pinto beans
dash Tabasco pepper
sauce
2 tsp. chili powder
2 tbs. hot water
1/2 cup canned mushrooms (optional)

Saute onion in hot beef fat until transparent. Add celery, green peppers, and meat.

Cook for 10 minutes.

Add garlic, salt, cayenne, tomatoes, beef stock, beans and Tabasco. Cover and heat until boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Blend chile powder and hot water. Stir into mixture. Add mushrooms, cook for 5 minutes. Serves 6. Freezes well.



Great Chili

Alaska Symphony of Seafood announces Chicago People's Choice Award

Since 1993, the Alaska Symphony of Seafood has hosted the New Products Contest and Gala Soiree in Anchorage, Alaska. Over the years, it has grown to become the largest event of its kind in the country. This February, along with a performance in Anchorage, the Alaska Symphony of Seafood took its show on the road to perform to a new audience--Chicago.

In Chicago, two kinds of review took place. On February 15, a panel of judges sat down to a day of private critique and close scrutiny of the entrants.

Each product was prepared by a professional culinary staff using techniques provided by each entrant. The judges were asked to evaluate each product for taste, price and marketability. There were 18 products in all, in five categories: salmon retail and food services, white fish retail and food ser-

vice; and smoked products.

The first place winner of salmon retail was Alaska Seafood International with their Fiesta Salmon Tenders. C&H Classic's Smoked King Salmon won first place in smoked products. Alaska Wild Seafood Suppliers Fish on a stick-Halibut won first place in the white fish food service category. Trident Seafoods Corporation FireHouse Cod Fillet Tenders took first place in the white fish retail category.

Overall grand prize winner was smoked salmon sprinkles by the Trapper's Creek Smoking Company of Alaska, because of its flavor, versatility and creativity.

The public was given a chance to vote on their favorite dish at the Awards Ceremony.

The Chicago People's Choice award went to Seafood Salsa, by So_Cal Seafood of California. This is a spicy, Mexican-style cold

salsa made with fresh surimi and bay shrimp.

The Alaska Symphony of Seafood was created by the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation to promote new product for seafood harvested in Alaskan waters by encouraging participation and sponsorship from a wide variety of companies and organizations that together are building the future of the Alaska fishing industry.

Kettlemania catch

The rage has returned to the microwave popcorn isle!

On the heels of fervent, repeated, nearly emotional consumer requests-and a ton of research-Jolly Time has introduced a new microwave popcorn that will turn the snack food isle upside down.

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Democrats agree with Governor Ryan's policies

In response to the annual budget address by Governor George Ryan, State Senator Louis Viverito (D-Burbank) said he looks forward to building on the foundation laid by Governor Ryan in his address.

"We have enjoyed fantastic economic times here in Illinois," said Viverito. However, now that the nation faces an economic downturn, Viverito says we must make difficult decisions now for the future of our economy.

The Assistant Minority Leader, Viverito was pleased with the Governor's speech overall. The Governor's commitment to FamilyCare and SeniorCare is an effort Senate Democrats have supported in the past. FamilyCare provides low-cost insurance to working parents currently able to se-

cure health insurance for their children through KidCare, but until now were forced to go uninsured themselves. The announcement of SeniorCare will serve as a model for the rest of the country using federal dollars to provide prescription drug assistance for nearly 400,000 eligible seniors.

"I am happy that the Governor has heard appeals on this issue from the Senate Democratic Caucus along with our leader, Senator Emil Jones, Jr. I am happy to continue the efforts to ensure greater health care access to all Illinoisans," Viverito said. "It's time Illinois take care of our state's most vulnerable citizens."

Although the Senator was pleased that the Governor continued his pledge of 51% of all new revenue toward

education, Viverito shared his skepticism over the Governor's proposal to consolidate 22 separate grant programs and placing those resources into the General State Aid formula. "Obviously, we still need to find out a great deal more about this proposal. I fear the programs included in this plan will simply fade away and the children who will benefit will fall through the cracks."

"We have a tremendous obligation to provide as many of the opportunities we have in the past while still striving to balance the budget. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work," Viverito said. "I am looking forward to this session as we continue to lead Illinois into the new century."



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Merit scholar

St. Laurence senior David Upchurch of Burbank has been named a finalist in the 2002 competition from the than 1.2 million students all over the country who entered by taking the SAT/ National Merit Qualifying Test when they were juniors. The selection of some 8,000 Merit Scholarship winners from the group of approximately 15,000 finalists is now in progress and in March, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) will begin mailing scholarship offers to winners. Pictured here with upchurch is Agnes Kosboske, Senior Guidance Counselor, as she presents David with his Finalist Certificate.



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Girl Scouts to honor three local women

The ninth annual Women of Distinction Breakfast, presented by Girls Scouts of Whispering Oaks Council of La Grange Park, will take place from 7:30-9:00 am Friday, March 8 at Park Place of Countryside. This event salutes the achievements of local women who are outstanding role models in their communities and professions for girls.

Awards will be presented to three women for the categories of business, community service and education. This years award recipients are:

Denise Pozen, La Grange, for business; Marvel McCain Parker, Summit, for community service; and Bobette Kleinke Pulliam of Indian Head Park for education.

"The women chosen to be honored for this year's award are not only outstanding and dynamic individuals, they are pioneers in their own right," said Ruth Cotton, chair of Women of Distinction.

South Side Irish Parade on St. Patrick's Day

A favorite Chicagoland tradition continues on Sunday, March 17th, with the 24th Annual South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade! The parade steps off at 12 noon from 103rd & Western and proceeds south to 115th & Western, in the heart of Beverly/Morgan Park.

The Grand Marshall will be the Families of St. Cajetan's Parish, which is located in Morgan Park. Served by Father John Barkemeyer, the St. Cajetan Parish community has served as a host for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass since its inception in 1981. The parish community of St. Cajetan Church is celebrating their 75th year of service in the southwest part of Chicago.

On Saturday evening, March 9th, the clans will gather for the Official Pre-Parade Party at St. Cajetan's Memorial Hall, 112th & Campbell. Entertainment will be provided by "The Flapjacks" and "A Week Back" and other Irish entertainers. The door donation of \$20 includes beer, wine, and

snacks. The fun begins at 8pm, with tickets available at the door. To reserve tables of 10, contact the Parade office at 773/239-7755.

One of the highlights of the party will be the drawing of winners of the 2002 Grand raffle! First prize is the winner's choice of \$2500, or two airline tickets to Ireland and \$1000 cash! Ten additional cash prizes ranging from \$100-\$1000 will be awarded. Only 300 chances will be sold at \$50 each. Contact the Parade Committee via e-mail at SSIPC@aol.com or 773/239-7755 for raffle and party tickets.

In keeping with the limitations of holding a 2-hour parade, approximately 120 entries can be expected, featuring the world-famous Stockyard Kitty Band leading the 2002 Grand Marshall entry at the front of the parade. In addition to the festive entrants in the Parade, families can expect numerous entertaining guests working the sidelines to capture the attention of the wee folks.



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Indiana celebrates the Irish

The greater share of immigrants traveling to this country from Ireland arrived during and after the potato famine of the late 1840's. Most settled in Chicago or New York, and many followed the railroads across the country as the tracks were laid.

Indiana's first Irish settlers came in the 1820's and '30. They helped to dig a series of canals and lay the National road.

Many settled in Southern Indiana. They built communities about the Ohio River area, and in South Bend. Others lived rural areas, some in transient worker camps.

The greatest influx came to Indiana during the period of 1860-1920. In 1870, 29,000 Irish born immigrants made up 2% of the population.

In the 1920's immigration increased in other

parts of the country, but not in Indiana. Most of the Irish to arrive at that time settled in Lake County and worked at the mills.

By the 1930's the Irish have been assimilated into every aspect of life in Indiana. Immediately, the Irish became active in politics and in social movements. Their numbers were small, but their contributions were large. They are credited with helping to build modern day Indiana. One of the most visible contributions made by the Irish of Indiana was the founding of Notre Dame University.

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, and the renewal of interest in all things Irish, the Indiana Historical Society will host "Thriving in America: An Irish American Celebration." On March 17, at 7pm, The Irish Ais, Indianapolis's premier Irish band, and The Irish Dancers of Indianapolis will perform. The celebration will intermingle the music and dance with the history of Irish in Indiana in a compelling format. The Indi-

ana Historical Society is located at 450 W. Ohio St., in Indianapolis. Tickets can be ordered at (317) 232-1882.

Little Company presents herb cures presentation

The widespread use of herbs today makes it important we understand their impact on our health.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center invites cancer survivors and their caregivers to a special presentation as Mahmoud Mahafzah, M.D., Ph.D., Little Company oncologist and Integrative Therapy Liason, discusses the use of herbs in healthcare today. His lecture will cover herbs and their benefits, dosages, precautions and contraindications, particularly for cancer survivors.

Dr. Mahafzah has done extensive research in the area of herbs and vitamins and their impact in the treatment of cancer.

The lecture will take place in Meeting Room 1, on the main floor of the Cancer Center, 2800 W. 95th St. in Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, March 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Space is limited and reservations are required for this free presentation. For reservations and information call (708) 229-6001.

Registration begins at St. Albert the Great School

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the Great School in Burbank.

The school is holding registration for new preschool, kindergarten and all new students on Sunday, March 24 from 10am-12 noon. If you are interested in registering your child for the 2002-2003 school year, please bring with:

Birth Certificate, with the number in top right corner; Baptismal Certificate, Social Security Number, \$35 non-

refundable registration fee. (Original certificates will be copied and returned to you at the time of registration)

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As in the past years Dick Biondi of Chicago's WCFL entertained the guests. He changed his jacket often, told stories and played all the 'oldies'.

Five hundred bought tickets. That allowed them a beef or sausage sandwich, liquid refreshments, and one heck of a good time.

Dick Biondi is only three

years younger than Dick Clark, and just as active. He is the greatest entertainment and yet obscured enough to allow the dancers to be doing their thing all evening.

Guests return each year. One couple traveled from Belfast, Northern Ireland to visit their daughter and grandchildren, and celebrated their 47th anniversary. Another couple called the 'wheel chair wheelies' were also out on the dance floor for their second year.

The success of such an outstanding event needs to be acknowledged. During our times when people are worried about war, unemployment, recession, it was great to see friendly volunteers make an evening unforgettable.

God bless the volunteers at St. Patricia Athletic Club.



(left to right) Russ Lindemann, President of the St. Patricia Athletic Association and Mike Contant, Vice President at the Athletic Association fundraiser.



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Air Force Reserve Maj. Patrick Brandt has been recalled to active duty, mobilized and deployed to an overseas forward operating location to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Operation Enduring Freedom is the biggest U.S. military mobilization of reservists and active duty members since the Gulf War in 1991. Members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been deployed and activated to support the war against terrorism, combating the terrorist network regime.

Brandt, an imagery intelligence officer, is the son of Francis J. and Eleanore Brandt of Evergreen Park, and the husband of Rahael, the daughter of Ward and Dorothy Perrin of Chicago.

The major graduated in 1979 from Evergreen Park High School and received his bachelor's degree in 1983 from St. Xavier University in Chicago.

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Army 2nd Lt. Kevin Staudt has graduated from Ranger training course at the U.S. Army Ranger School in Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

During the 61-day course, the training phases are conducted at Fort Benning in the mountains of northern Georgia and in the Florida swamps at Eglin Air Force Base. The course is designed to develop confident and capable small-unit leaders assigned to units whose primary mission is to engage in close-combat, direct fire battle situations.

Additional emphasis is placed on developing combat functional skills for planning and conducting ground, air-mobile, airborne, and waterborne patrolling survival operations.

Staudt is the son of Marilyn and Gerald Staudt of Oak Lawn. He is the 2001 graduate of Norwich University in Utah.

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Army Spec. Jessica Ives has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Ives received the medal while assigned as a wheeled vehicle operator and administrative clerk with Delta

Company, 725th Main Support Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii.

She is the daughter of Raymond and Patricia Ives of Chicago.

She is a 1995 graduate of Maria High School.

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Jeffery Keilman has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment in the Reserve gives many new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, serve their country, and become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education, \$20,000 for repayment of college loans, and a maximum \$5,000 cash bonus.

After completion of basic military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Keilman, a 2000 graduate of Bogan High School, will report to Fort Benning for basic training.

He is the son of Deborah Buitron-Foley of Evergreen Park.

Clearing Library hosts family fun

At 2pm, on Saturday, March 9, the Clearing Library will host a fun for children and their families. Stories by children's author Vernal

Aardema will be featured.

On Tuesday March 12, the Library will present a seminar by Waddell & Reed, Inc. The subject is about the 2001 tax changes and how they affect you. Registration is required. Call (312) 747-5657. All tax forms and instruction booklets are available at the Library.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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By Kathy Whirty

America has been victorious at the 2002 Winter Olympics Games--a bright spot in an otherwise bleak year. I have to admit, though, I've watched the games like the fair weather fan that I am. I'm just not into sports, Olympic or otherwise, so when Bill and I sat down to watch some of the big events, there was definitely a struggle for control of the remote.

For once, it was he who was quite content to stick with one channel--and for a change, it was my trigger finger that was itching to click away. I don't know about you, but if you've seen one skater gliding gracefully across the ice, you've pretty much seen them all.

There were a few standout moments I looked forward to seeing, in particular Jimmy Shea's and Michelle Kwan's performances. So glad to see Jimmy get the gold, so sad to witness Michelle skate away with only the bronze for her efforts.

In between 'golden moments' I couldn't resist the temptation to exercise my right to the remote control. What I happened to click upon stretched our senses to gut-busting proportions. There was another competition going on, and it wasn't a pretty sight! Did you know that there are actual competitions that involve professional eaters? Forget the ridiculousness of *Survivor*, *Temptation Island*, even *Fear Factor*. Enter the new kid on the network block--*Glutton Bowl*.

The first set of contestants had to suck down one pound sticks of butter. Just the thought of ingesting all that trans-fatty acid gave me chest pains.

As these ordinary-looking people gorged themselves with enough artery-clogging fat to give an elephant cardiac arrest, I was more than ready to click back to the sanity of skating and sledding at the Olympics.

I should have known better.

The show piqued Bill's curiosity. The next group of plumped up players were on a mission to see who could eat the most cows tongue. To give you an idea of how gross this was, consider that one tongue has enough "meat" to make 16 overstuffed sandwiches. Now there's talent for you! No sense in clicking back now. We were both gluttons for punishment. Last, but not least, was the final competition. What would an eating contest be without the all-American weiner?

Platters of hot dogs were placed in front of each player. Who would prove to be the bottomless pit? A skinny kids with a knack for knocking the competition dead. In his sport, he's considered a pro--what a hot dog!

I cannot imagine *Glutton Bowl* becoming a weekly series, but the program does have some positive feedback. After watching a group of seemingly normal people eat to



Go team!

The Oak Lawn Community High School Cheerleading Squad took first place in the Large Varsity Division during the ICCA Regional competition at Oak Forest High School and qualified them for state competition. Top row, from left: Sarah Goldrick, Jessica Madriga, Krysten Ballard, Jaqui Pugh, Nicole Bowman, Deanne Drechsler, Bridgette Beazley, Stephani Parisi, Amanda Benson. Middle row, from left: Coach Patti Greiman, Kim Stanek, Dian Ricci, Diana Ocampo, Lindsey Stubbs, Amanda Kramer, Laurie Cole, Rachel Laylo, Jami Tillman, Rhonda Laylo. Bottom row, from left: Brittany Kopf, Megan Melvin.

Corned beef and cabbage dinner at Oak Lawn church

The Oak Lawn Community Presbyterian Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland in Oak Lawn, will hold a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 17 at 12:30 am. Price in advance is \$5 adult and \$2.50 children, and \$5.50 and \$3 at the door. You may purchase tickets at the church Tuesdays, noon-2:30 pm and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00-2:30 pm.

All the proceeds will go toward our Youth Spring Retreat in Saugatuck, Michigan.

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A. Most people cringe at the mere mention of a root canal. Well, I have to tell you that maybe 25 years ago the "cringe" was justified, but with the quality of today's anesthetics and techniques the procedure should be virtually pain free. The first thing we should cover is why some teeth need root canal therapy (RCT). Inside the tooth there is living tissue. When a tooth receives trauma, such as a sports injury, or in most cases tooth decay, the living tissue begins to die. As this tissue dies it decays and becomes infected. If left untreated this infection can travel into the jawbone. An extraction could be an immediate solution, however, there are many clinical reasons why one tooth extraction can lead to a domino effect of tooth loss in the future. What RCT does is that it allows the dentist to remove the dying tissue by creating an access hole through the top of the tooth. Once the inner tissue is removed the canal is filled, and the tooth will remain functional for many years to come. Dr. Hogg is a 1984 Honors graduate of the University of Illinois Dental School and former clinical instructor. He currently practices in Oak Lawn. Hours are available by appointment at (708) 422-1900. Copyright UDMI 2001.

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Bianca Carbrera of Garfield Ridge/Chicago and Laura Galvin of Evergreen Park

Students win leadership award

Bianca Carbrera of Garfield Ridge/Chicago and Laura Galvin of Evergreen Park recently received the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Award. This award focuses on young people who are involved in a positive way and whose life can be enhanced through a leadership-training program. The goal of the J. Kyle Braid Foundation is to develop a young adult's maximum potential through academics, recreation, physical fitness and productive leisure and social activities.

The criteria for nominations are: the student must

be a current sophomore, have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher, be a member of a school-sponsored athletic team, be a member of school-sponsored organizations, and already be perceived as leaders by their peers and faculty members. A sophomore student/athlete may be nominated by a teacher, a member of the administration, a guidance counselor, or their coach. Winners spend one all-expenses paid week at the J. Kyle Leadership ranch in Colorado, training to become more effective leaders.

Bianca Cabrera has been

on the swim and water polo teams in both her freshman and sophomore years. Bianca is the Student Council Representative for her homeroom and a member of the Action/Reaction Club.

Laura Galvin has been a member of the track team her freshman and sophomore year. She is a member of the Action/Reaction Club. Laura has also played club volleyball with Attack Volleyball since 6th grade.

Julianne Parker of Clearing and Angela Blecher of Oak Lawn were named as alternates.

Moraine Valley

Ninety-two percent of the occupational graduates in 2000 are employed, a recent survey has found.

The annual Moraine Valley survey conducted in the spring found that 64% of the graduates were employed full time and 28% were employed part time with 52% working within the Moraine Valley district. The Industrial Technology program area had the highest proportion of graduates employed full time with 83%.

The median annual salary for full time entry level

graduates was \$34,840, according to the survey.

Eighty-one percent of the 199 survey respondents said they were employed in jobs related to their Moraine Valley degree. Graduates rated the course content and various projects in their major program of study as the most satisfying experience. Along with personal contacts, the graduates stated that a faculty member or program coordinator was the most helpful in getting a job.

For more information, call (708) 974-5275.

Workplace safety class

Moraine Valley's Workforce Development and Community Services will offer "Promoting a Safe Workplace" March 13 and 20, from 6-9 pm in Building D, Room D116, on the main campus in Palos Hills. The

class fee is \$140.

Plant managers, safety managers, human resources managers, training coordinators and others involved in maintaining a safe work environment are invited to learn procedures for improving their role in safety. They will learn how to develop a company-wide "safety team" attitude, recognize the benefits

Clearing

The next meeting of the Clearing Civic League will be held on 3/12/02, at the Hale Park Field House, 6258 W. 62nd St. The meeting begins at 7pm. Mary Ann Dybala of In Realty, 6165 Archer, will discuss the real estate market in Garfield Ridge and Clearing. The Early Bird Drawing will be held at 7pm. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

of this training and implement the training to reach the company's core. A Moraine Valley certificate will be awarded to the individuals who complete the two-evening course.

James Swanson, manager of Safety at Turtle Wax in Chicago, conducts the course. He is a member of AIHA, ASSE and NFPA and holds a Master of Science in Occupational Health from the Medical College of Ohio. Call (708) 974-5714 for more info.

Founders Bank extends *Donate A Phone* program

To date, Founders Bank has collected over 1,100 phones and over 1,300 phone accessories for the Donate a Phone program. Due to an overwhelming number of requests from citizens and community groups, Founders bank is extending their collecting efforts until April 1, 2002.

The Donate a Phone campaign is focused on collecting old wireless phones to aid victims of domestic violence. The program was started by the Wireless Foundation, Motorola and National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The cell and wireless phones provide a link to 911 emergency service as well as the nearest shelter after they are repaired and reconditioned by Motorola. The

phones are then donated to women who have been victims of domestic abuse through the Wireless Foundation.

Founders bank will continue to collect phones through April 1, 2002. The public may drop off their phones in the collection boxes located in the lobbies of the following Founders Bank locations: Worth, Tinley Park, Palos Heights, Oak Lawn, Mount Greenwood, Channahon, Plainfield, and Minooka.

If you have a phone that you're no longer using, please donate it today! For more information on the Donate a Phone campaign, please call the Marketing Department at Founders bank at (708) 448-6500.

Community display cases offered in Oak Lawn

Community organizations and individuals may now display their promotions or personal collections at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oak View Center, located at 4625 W. 110th Street. Displays will be placed in the facility's new cases, which were built by Bill Perryman, the park district's carpenter.

Coordinating the displays is Jim Popko, the park district's cultural-arts supervisor. Cases currently showcase displays from the Oak Lawn Camera Club and the park district's music department.

"We are looking for quality displays of personal collections or promotional displays for community organizations," says Popko.

For more information, call the park district at (708) 857-2200.

Moraine Valley offers fun non-credit classes

Moraine Valley is offering a selection of occupational workshops to aid with writing and revising a resume, fine tuning a job search, and developing interview presentation and preparation skills. The workshops offered will include:

Writing or Revising Your Resume: Wednesday, March 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm, in Building Room T904. Includes resume formats and components and skill statements to describe qualifications. The fee is \$15.

Fine Tuning Your Job Search: Thursday, April 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm in Building T, Room T904. Includes targeting and researching employers, informational interviewing, salary negotiations and effective methods of networking. The fee is \$15.

Interview Preparation and Presentation: Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm in Building T, Room T904. Includes information about the interview structure, presenting yourself, how to prepare for interviewer's questions and follow-up procedures. The fee is \$15.

Please call (708) 974-5737 for more information.

Moraine Valley is offering a wide array of short-term, non-credit fine arts classes for both children and adults. Classes range from 5-9 weeks and include:

Drawing, Cont.: Begins March 21. For people who have taken at least one drawing class and have learned some drawing skills.

Painting on Canvas, Cont.: Begins March 26. Emphasizes color mixing, brush and palette knife techniques for landscapes and still-life painting with oils, acrylics, or gouache on canvas.

Painting Murals: Begins April 8. Learn how to do a preliminary sketch for a mural. Composition, paints and dramatic illusions and techniques for murals covered.

Painting and Drawing the Costumed Figure: Begins April 10. Using your choice of drawing or water-based paint medium, learn how to sketch body structure and proportions from a live costumed model. Composition, paints for flesh tones and dramatic mood effects will be covered.

Creating Stained Glass Mosaics: Begins March 25 at Carl Sandburg High School. Learn the ancient art of mosaics using cut glass, laminate and grout to create beautiful decorative items such as candleholders, flowerpots, tabletops and stepping-stones.

Dance for Social Events: Begins April 10 at Carl Sandburg High School. Learn a few basic steps and moves for ballroom, Latin, and jitterbug dancing. Instruction focused on dancing with a partner. Wear soft-soled shoes. Couples only. Each person registers individually.

Cartooning for Children: Begins April 9. Create cartoons, caricatures and comic strips in pencil and ink. Ages 8 and up.

Additional information on these and other courses is available by calling (708) 974-5393; or by going to www.morainevalley.edu.

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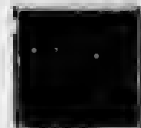
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Oak Lawn Library programs encourage young artists

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., is offering young people with an artistic flair two opportunities to show off their talent and creativity this spring. Both Activities are open only to Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools.

Art Exhibition: Students in grades 7- 10 may exhibit artwork in the library during the entire month of April. Registration forms are now available at the Youth Services Desk. Exhibition space is limited. The deadline to turning in your form is March 15.

The winning poster will be on display in schools, the library and around the community. The contest winner will receive a prize and special recognition. Pick up a copy of the official rules at the youth services desk. The deadline to submit your poster is March 28th.

For more information, call (708) 422-4990

Evergreen Park Library offers kids programs in March

**Summer Reading Poster
Contest:** Students in 6-9th grade can help design the promotional poster for their 2002 Young Adult Summer Reading program. This year's theme is "Reading Rocks."

The Evergreen Public Library are offering several programs for children this March.

The library helps celebrate

National Craft Month throughout the month of March in its Childrens Department. The library will have a new craft each week

during March.

It will also offer a special program called "Music for the Very Young" on Saturday, March 9th from 10:00 - 10:45. Evergreen Park resident, mother and musician Madonna Pufunt will perform music especially suited for young families. Light refreshments will be served.

Telephone registration for the library's Toddler Time program begins March 11th, but you can sign up in person starting on March 9th at 9:00 a.m. Toddler Time is an interactive story time program for children aged 18-36 months. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There are four sessions: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Toddler Time runs from Tuesday, March 19th through Thursday, April 25th.

For more information, call the library at (708) 422-8522.

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—Ralph Charell

It takes me a long time to lose my temper but once lost, I could not find it with a dog.

—Mark Twain

Local visitors speak at Beverly Montessori

Beverly Montessori School students were pleasantly surprised with 3 special visitors this month.

Patrick Broaders, a former BMS parent and Irish musician taught the students about instruments. Students learned about the Irish whistle, the Uilleann pipes and the bouzouki. Mr. Broaders' great talent and knowledge amused the children.

Kenneth Butler, a Beverly resident and sculptor gave a lesson in sculpting to the Extended Day Kindergarten. He works with wood and stone, so he showed the children exactly how he sculpts and the tools he uses. Mr. Butler's

work can be seen in the DuSable Museum.

Ting Ting Branit, mother of a BMS student, gave a lesson on the Chinese New Year. The children were delighted to learn about Chinese traditions regarding how they prepare for the holiday, what they eat, the gifts they give and receive and all about the celebratory parade. Ms. Branit informed the students that this was the year of the horse and taught them how to say "Happy New Year" in Mandarin Chinese.

These speakers show how schools benefit from community involvement.



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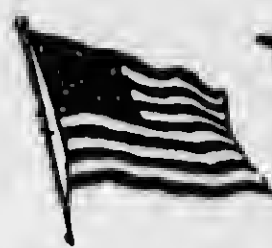
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Chicago City Council supports aviation act

The Chicago City Council held a hearing this morning on a resolution encouraging the U.S. Congress to pass the National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act. The legislation, introduced by Sen. Richard Durbin in the U.S. Senate and by Rep. William Lipinski in the U.S. House of Representatives, would expand and modernize O'Hare International Airport, provide priority consideration for federal funding of an airport at Peotone and continue operations at Meigs Field.

Business, labor and community leaders were on hand to urge the City Council to pass the resolution, noting the importance of the National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act to Chicago, the state and the region.

"This historic agreement relieves air delays at O'Hare, which is critical to the national air transportation system. Taking action to end delays at O'Hare will also help stimulate the U.S. and Illinois economies in the coming years," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Kirk Brown. "Congress

should act as decisively as Governor Ryan and Mayor Daley, for the sake of Illinois and the nation as a whole."

At the hearing, testimony focused on the need to provide stimulus for Chicago, as well as the nation. It is estimated that the modernization of O'Hare will infuse \$16-18 billion into the region's economy.

O'Hare is the world's busiest airport and is a key hub that connect aviation traffic across the nation. Capacity constraints at O'Hare often have a ripple effect, causing delays and flight cancellations across the nation. Mayor Daley and Governor Ryan reached an agreement last year to expand Chicago's aviation system at the urging of Senator Durbin, Congressman Lipinski and various members of Congress.

More than 600 organizations and 10,000 individuals from across the nation have voiced support for expanding Chicago's aviation capacity. There is broad editorial support for the plan, and the National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act has bipartisan support in Congress.



Irish singer appears at police fundraiser

President William Nolan, Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge #7, has announced that Tony Kelliher, the famous Irish vocalist from Tralee, County Kerry, will appear in Chicago, Saturday, March 16, 2002.

Kelliher will perform at the Fraternal Order of Police Headquarters, 1412 W.

Washington Boulevard in Chicago. The show will get underway at 6:30 p.m. Kelliher, known as Ireland's #1 Ambassador of Entertainment, can be seen and heard on both Irish and American television and radio. He is presently appearing in Washington, D.C.

The ticket price of \$20 includes entertainment and refreshments, with all profits going toward the Memorial Monument Fund.

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O'Malley bill would block the renaming of Soldier Field

Veterans in Illinois would no longer worry about Soldier Field being renamed, under legislation proposed by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

Senate Bill 1727 removes the authority of the Chicago Park District and the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority to sell, lease or grant a permit to name all or part of Soldier Field.

"Renaming Soldier Field has generated a lot of controversy, and rightly so. Many veterans feel betrayed that city officials would even consider such a change," O'Malley said. "Soldier Field was named to honor the men and women who gave the ultimate service to their country during times of war."

Soldier Field was originally known as Municipal Grant Park Stadium when it opened in 1924. One year

later it was renamed Soldier Field at the urging of Chicago's Gold Star Mothers.

However, the 2000 law that authorized the reconstruction of Soldier Field also included a provision allowing the name to be sold. Thousands of people circulated petitions opposing the name change and calling for the preservation of the name Soldier Field.

"While there have been reassuring statements made that would appear to settle the recent controversy about renaming Soldier Field, existing law permits the name to be sold by a private organization, solely for the benefit of that organization," O'Malley said. "My legislation would prevent that."

The bill is currently pending before the Senate Rules Committee.

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Offering more than 40 pages of recommendations on the best things to do and see from March until May, this issue of *Illinois NOW!* features Illinois' most sensational gardens, the state's best springtime sports, Chicago's blues scene, and a collection

of quirky museums. Whether travelers are looking for "Hidden Gem Museums", "Red Hot Blues", a "Garden Variety" or a place to "Swing into Spring", *Illinois NOW!* provides helpful information to make any spring fling memorable.

Included in *Illinois NOW!* is a complete listing of spring fairs, festivals and events, categorized by region. Not-to-be-missed events include the 8th Annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier (March 9-17), the Central Illinois Auto Show in Peoria (April 5-7), the original Raggedy Ann & Andy Festival in Arcola (May 18-19), and Eldorado's Daffodil Fest (April 13-14), the perfect way to welcome spring.

The spring issue offers readers a chance to win a luxurious weekend getaway for two at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago. This ultimate weekend package includes dinner at the hotel's award-winning French restaurant and a \$500 shopping spree at Water Tower Place, which features more than 100 fine shops and restaurants.

Advertise in our March 19th Easter and Spring Home Improvement Issue (708) 423-9754.

S.W. Seniors have plans for March

assist seniors with rebates on property tax bills.

On March 18, The Senior Service Organization will have an Easter Part. It begins at 9. There will be a catered lunch, D.J. music, and an original hat parade. Tickets are \$15, and must be purchased in advanced.

Call 773-284-0428, between 7:30 and 3:00 if more information is needed.

On Thursday March 7, The Southwest Side Senior Service Organization, 6012 S. Archer, will welcome the City Clerk's office, and the State. State I.D.'s, circuit breaker forms, senior bus passes, and medical I.D. cards will be available. Also on March 7, Mt. Sinai Hospital will conduct free blood pressure/cholesterol and diabetes screenings.

On Thursday, March 14, a representative from Houlihan's Office will be available at the Senior Service Organization to

Summit Park District announces trips

The Summit Park District announces the following trips:

Meskwaki Casino, Tama, Iowa: May 7-8th. The cost is \$79 (double occupancy), with a rebate of \$46, for a total cost of \$33. Leave the park at 11:00 am and arrive back on Wednesday at about 7 pm. For singles, add \$35.

Foxwoods Resort Ca-

sino: Cost \$699 (Double) \$644 (Triples) \$949 (Singles). Trip includes first-class accommodations, breakfast/dinners, tour of Hershey's Chocolate World, tour of Gettysburg Battlefield, Gaming at Foxwoods, the largest casino in the world, and Gaming at Mohegan Sun Casino plus much more. You may put down a deposit and pay over time.

For more information about either trip or to make reservations, please contact the Summit Park District at (708)496-1012 7am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday. Sign up early so the trips won't be cancelled.



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Lot split in Palos Hills

by Jude Coyle

At the Thursday, February 7, Palos Hills City Council Meeting, Alderman Al Pasek advised citizens to keep in mind existing ordinances when posting political signs during the upcoming elections. "Just remember that if you nail a sign to a tree, the ordinance officer will have it removed, and not the competition."

The section 8.10.060; A-5 requires a permit and a fee of \$25 to "...Attached any rope, wires, nail, sign, poster or any other man-made object to any tree, shrub or other plant located on city-owned property."

Also, Section 17.42.705, section A reads "Political campaign signs announcing the candidates seeking public political office, any sign concerning a political issue or any sign containing data pertinent to an election shall not exceed 16 square feet in area. Such signs shall be no more than 4'x4' in size. Such signs shall be displayed on

private property only and shall be removed within 7 days after the date of the election for which the sign is intended. If such signs are not removed by the seventh day after the election, such signs shall be removed by the department of public works and a citation for violation of this provision shall be issued to the person who displayed or posted the sign, if the identity of that person is not known or cannot be determined, the citation shall be issued to the candidate or organization identified on such signs."

Jason Conrad of 7913 W. 99th Street petitioned the Zoning and Planning Commission for approval of an uneven split of his property. An existing dwelling is in reasonably good shape, and will remain on the larger of the two lots. The owner plans to build a new residence on the second.

Both lots will require the City Council to approve vari-

ances after the split. The existing code calls for lots to measure no less than 10,000 square feet, with a 13 foot side lot set back. Once the land is split, the set back on the first house will measure 10.2 feet. The second lot will total 9,170 square feet. The request was approved, but with Alderman Pasek and Stratton abstaining.

Asked about property splits, Alderman Dan Scurek explained, "I can think of three requests in 2001 for lot splits. Ten years ago we had a lot more..."

There are several reasons for the requests, he said. By splitting the larger lots, Scurek explained, the owner can reduce his property taxes. Or, in some cases, the larger lots are owned by Palos Hills' earliest residents. Now that they are aging, their children are taking the second lots and building homes, so they can remain close to their parents.

"Palos is a desirable area," Scurek said. "It is surrounded by Forest Preserve and has little room for expansion."

He went on to explain that lot splits also helps the City and other taxing bodies. A large lot might bring in \$6,000 in property taxes. If split, and the second lot is improved, both lots could bring in \$5,400.

Alderman Joel Tomas reported that because of the warmer weather, the Public Works Department is cutting back a lot of trees along easements. If residents have difficulty or questions, they should call the Public Works Department.

Alderman Pasek offered a quote from William Shakespeare. "The right to do something doesn't mean that it's right."



Prospect Federal grand prize raffle winner Kathy Flanagan (center) receives the prize of a DVD/CD player from Bud Gavin, as her husband looks on.

Prospect Federal Day celebration a success

A good crowd enjoyed an exciting game on "Prospect Federal Day", February 16th, at the Saint Xavier University Athletic Center, as the Cougars men's basketball team defeated Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference rival, Olivet Nazarene University, 79 to 70.

Many of the people attending received free tickets and refreshments from Prospect Federal Savings Bank, which was being recognized by Saint Xavier University for sponsoring the University's

Fall and Winter sports programs.

Along with tickets and treats, Prospect Federal held drawings for free prizes during the game. The grand prize winner, Mrs. Kathy Flanagan of Orland Park, won a combination DVD/CD player. Four additional winners received either a CD player or an AM/FM sports radio.

Prospect Federal President and CEO Steven Rosenbaum said, "We're happy to be associated with Saint Xavier's

excellent athletic program. And we're glad so many of our customers and friends came out to see such a great game."

Prospect Federal Savings Bank was founded in Chicago in 1909. The bank serves the Southwest Metropolitan area, with its newest office in Village View Plaza at 4646 W. 103rd Street in Oak Lawn. Additional locations are at 11139 S. Harlem in Worth and 6858 S. Pulaski in Chicago.

Judge Harris to address friendship club



April 1, 2000 the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Harris to fill a vacancy. He has proven himself an outstanding judge.

Judge Sheldon A. Harris of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the Chicago Ridge Friendship Club, Monday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge.

The Judge will share his expertise on the court system. Currently he presides as Judge of Supplementary Proceeding Miscellaneous Remedies at the Daley Center. On



Judge Sheldon A. Harris.

Little Company seeks dedicated volunteers

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is looking for some special people willing to share their talents and life experiences as volunteers

throughout the entire Hospital.

They seek positive, friendly and energetic men and women to join their Adult Volunteer Program. After completing training, volunteers can act as greeters and escorts; deliver flowers to patient rooms; transport patients to their rooms; and greet patients and visitors at reception areas.

If you, or someone you know, has time and talents to spare, Little Company wants you! Join in the satisfaction of knowing that you truly

help others by giving of yourself and your time. To learn more about the Adult Volunteer program, please call (708)229-5280.

Library

Children in grades 3,4, and 5 are invited to the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford on Saturday, March 9 at 2 pm for the special performance of the mystery play, *My Grandma's Gonna Kill Me!*

Registration is required by calling the library at (708) 423-7753.

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Hickory Hills awards bid

by Jude Coyle

It took six long weeks of study and deliberation to finally award the bid on the construction of the new police station. On March 14th, the Hickory Hills City Council voted to award the contract to A. J. DiMaggio Company of Mt. Prospect. The station will be located at 87th St. and 88th Ave. Construction will begin immediately.

The reason so much time elapsed between opening bids and awarding the contract is because the bid specs included a basic plan and nearly thirty alternatives to that plan. Estimates placed costs at \$3.5 million. With about 20 contractors bidding, City officials wanted to select the best deal possible.

For \$3,485,000 DiMaggio will be able to build using 14 of the suggested alternatives.

One alternative is a metal roof. According to Building Commissioner Betcher, use of asphalt shingles should be banned soon. It is becoming difficult to find a waste facility willing to take shingles. Also, shingle roofs usually carry a 20 year warranty. If properly maintained a metal roof can last 40 to fifty years.

Mayor Faddis commented that the police station will be sitting on top of a hill. In severe weather, shingles can blow off.

The Council voted unanimously to accept DiMaggio's bid. Alderman Scott Zimmerman wanted it known that although happy with DiMaggio's bid, he objected to the metal roof.

Police Chief Al Vodicka requested that the Council allow him to buy two new vehicles through State purchasing. The vehicles would replace two with over 100,000 miles each.

He expects to spend about \$36,000.

This purchase would be made with drug forfeiture funds. By law those funds cannot be used for anything other than enforcing drug laws. In other words, funds can't be used for the construction of the new police station. The balance of the Hickory Hills drug forfeiture funds currently stands at \$97,000.

Also of note, Oak Lawn High School will host a household waste drop off site on May 4th.

That same day, the City will sponsor an 'Arbor Day' sale in the City Hall parking lot. Over 300 trees and many plants will be available. The sale begins at 7:30AM.

Tis great to be Irish

by Annette Dixon

On Sunday, the official day of St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, the Southside Irish had their day. Although cold and cloudy, the Irish lucked out as usual, for it did not rain. It appeared more than 350,000 were there.

The people were in costume, I mean the audience. There were so many exciting people, in fact even the Pipe and Drums squad of the Chicago Police Dept. waved to me as I took their picture from my car.

I was impressed with the Pioneer Drum and Bugle band from Milwaukee, WI. They were in front of the reviewing stand and didn't quite get their signal to play, so the chairman of the parade said, "Alright let's hear the music."



Oak Lawn handles variance requests

By Jude Coyle

On March 12, the Oak Lawn Village Board entertained several requests for variances to the Village building code.

The first involved a masonry fence currently under construction at 103rd and Tripp. The petitioner, Carlos DeLaMora, had initially applied for a permit for a fence with five foot masonry posts and six foot wood walls. After seeing a model of the current design, the petitioner changed his mind. Instead, the masonry posts rise to six feet. Masonry walls between rise to two feet. The petitioner plans to complete it with an arch and barred gate at the entrance. The work was stopped as the height of the arch exceeds the 6 foot code limit by 2 feet, one inch.

DeLaMora faced the Planning and Development Board of Appeals on January 2, 2002. Asked why Mr. DeLaMora wanted this, he explained he wanted to protect his 14 grandsons from the traffic on 103rd Street. The Board of Appeals rejected his petition.

At the Village Board Meeting of March 12, Mr. DeLaMora again asked the Village to approve his plans. By that time Trustees had the time to visit the property and examine the plans. They overturned the P&DC Board of Appeals' ruling. "Sometimes," Mayor Kolb said, "You have to go outside of Village code. It's a very nice fence."

The next variance request had to do with a piece of property that has been the

source of many variance requests. The lot at 10227 Central was set aside as green space for a planned unit development built back in 1967. In spite of that a separate tax I.D. number was issued for the lot. It is known as the Carlos R. Subdivision.

Attorney Peter A. Loutus, representing Louis Bergmann, asked the Village Board to overturn the decision of the Planning and Development Board of Appeals, and allow Mr. Bergmann develop the lot.

At the January 21, meeting of the P&DC, members upheld earlier decisions saying this lot was too small. The current project plans would place the new building 3 feet from neighboring balconies, and that was not acceptable. Mr. Bergmann's stance was that building here would require fewer variances than the neighboring buildings required when they were built. The P&DC found contrary, and the Board of Trustees agreed.

Mr. Stan Latek approached the Village Board about the property at 6210 W. 99th Street. Mr. Latek asked the Planning and Development Commission to rezone his property from R-1, single family, to R-3, multi family homes. The P&DC agreed.

The next step was to get the Board of Trustees' approval. Mr. Latek opened by asking why they wouldn't consider his application when he had a workable plan. He wants to build five (5) unit condos. By the Board's refusal, he is cheating his family out of the \$780 a month mortgage

payment. The P&DC has approved his request twice, but the Board of Trustees and other Village officials have screwed with him for 3-1/2 years.

Heated remarks flew back and forth. Village officials maintained that they had other plans. They were speaking to medical clinics. They felt medical supply or other medical related businesses would do well there. Mayor Kolb commented that the way Southwest Highway cut through Ridgeland, 99th Street and other streets left a lot of triangles shaped lots that were hard to develop.

A motion was made to deny the rezoning request. It carried by a vote of 4 to two. Trustees Hurkes and Keane voted no.

Also of interest, the Village Board of Trustees agreed to authorize a feasibility study for the establishment of a TIF District on Cicero, from 89th to 91st Street. The Village currently maintains the Harris Bank Triangle TIF.

TIF or Tax Increment Financing is an incentive plan to developers. When an area is considered blighted or underdeveloped, a TIF is used as a tool to develop that area. The amount of taxes paid to taxing bodies within a TIF is frozen. Property taxes will continue to rise naturally during the life of the TIF. Anything above the frozen amount, or the increment, is used for infrastructure improvements.

The Plaza shoppers have spoken...and they say Target

If shoppers at The Plaza at 95th & Western in Evergreen Park had their way, a Target store would be located in the mall, saving them time and bringing significant dollars back into their community.

The Provo Group, managing general partner of The Plaza, distributed 10,000 surveys to shoppers at The Plaza and residents of the communities served by the mall. When the tally was in, 6,348 responses came back indicating that more than 60% of the people presented with the survey took the time to offer their opinions and return them. What respondents said was even more emphatic: 5,868 indicated they would like to shop at a Target store in The Plaza.

Other survey responses supported the popularity of

the store with area shoppers. Of those who completed surveys, nearly 5,900 said they are currently Target shoppers, and among them nearly 4,500 travel 10-30 minutes to reach a Target store. More than half of the people who returned surveys (3,564) indicated they shop at Target stores four or more times each month, and the survey indicated that among Target shoppers, the average amount of money spent per visit is \$150.

Results of the survey will be made available to Target. Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton said, "It is clear that our residents want Target to locate closer to home and we hope that this report encourages decision makers accordingly."

Plaza management made overtures to Target to open a store in the space formerly

occupied by Montgomery Ward, which went bankrupt in 2001. The 215,000 square foot space has been unoccupied since last May.

"Locating a Target store in The Plaza is the perfect match of quality merchandise and motivated consumer," said Bruce Provo, president of The Provo Group. "It's clear that a significant number of area residents are eager to shop at a Target store that's only a few minutes away from home in their own community. They are ready, willing and able to spend a tremendous amount of money at that store."

The Plaza, the Midwest region's first enclosed mall, celebrates its 50th anniversary of serving shoppers this year.



Easter egg hunt at Oak Lawn Community Church

The Oak Lawn Community Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland Avenue in Oak Lawn will hold their annual Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt/Bake Sale on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00-11:00 AM.

Come enjoy breakfast, visit with the Easter Bunny,

watch the kids hunt for Easter eggs, and buy goodies for dessert.

On the menu are eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, pancakes, juice, and toast, all for a "Free Will Offering". Bring your family and friends.

For more information, call 708/599-4025.

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Hope

by Judi Giglio

*There was a time
not so long ago when
I didn't know what to
do or where to go.*

*I became confused
and rightly so for my
problems had surely
taken their toll.*

*Somehow I thought
He didn't care and
he'd leave me dying
there.*

*I had no faith, I had
no hope and I was so
all alone.*

*Somehow he heard
my desperate cries
and gave me back His
precious gift of life.*

*I guess you wonder
who He is this man of
whom I speak.*

*He's named Jesus
Christ, the King of
Kings and though I
suffered for so long, it
can't compare to His
life at all. For you see
he was nailed to a
cross and died there
for me.*

Military News

On March 7, 2002, Marine Corps Pvt. Jason A. Kerridan, completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

The Marine Corp. basic training program is a 12-week program. It includes physical training, classroom work and field assignments, with instruction in first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. Marines learn about core values, honor, courage and commitment, and what those words mean.

The training phase ended with a 54-hour team effort, called the Crucible. This is a problem solving evolution which culminates with an emotional ceremony. At that ceremony recruits are presented with the Marine Corps Emblem, and are addressed as 'Marines' for the first time.

Kerridan is a 2001 graduate of Marist High School.

Architecture exhibit at Moraine Valley

Have you ever wondered how classical architectural ornamentation and calligraphy relate? Moraine Valley's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery will host an architectural ornamentation and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Without Words" from March 22-April 19 on campus at 10900 S. 88th Avenue in Palos Hills.

The exhibit is complemented by a discussion and lecture from Dr. Phyllis Kozolowski and April Wilson on Sunday, March 24 at 1 PM. A lecture will follow at 2PM. There will be an

additional hour of discussion to follow once the lecture is complete. Dr. Kozolowski, a guide for Chicago-area architectural tours, along with Wilson, a high-school calligraphy teacher, will draw on their great expertise in these arts to educate their audience on the relevance between architecture and calligraphy. Dr. Kozolowski and Wilson are also members of the Palos Fine Arts Council, which is sponsoring the event.

Call (708)974-5742 for more information.

MILITARY NEWS

William A. Love has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Love will report for basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

His parents are Joseph W. and Delores Love of Oak Lawn.

UMAA endorses candidates

The United Muslim Americans Association is a local grass-roots organization dedicated to politically empower and represent interests

of 450,000 American Muslims in Illinois and Greater Chicago in shaping American public policy, while promoting justice, ethics, and

Islamic values in public life. With that in mind, the UMAA is endorsing the following candidates for public office:

Office and District

U.S. Senator
Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
U.S. Congress - 5th Dist.

State Senator - 3rd Dist.
State Senator 16th Dist.
State Senator - 18th Dist.
State Senator - 21st Dist.
State Senator - 41st Dist.

State Rep. - 6th Dist.
State Rep. - 42nd Dist.
State Rep. - 55th Dist.
State Rep. - 82nd Dist.

Cook County - Only if you vote Democrat

Office and District
County Supt. of Schools
County Board - Dist. 1
County Board - Dist. 2

Com. Forest Pres. - Dist 1
Com. Forest Pres. - Dist 2
Com. Forest Pres. - Dist 6

2nd Appellate Court - Vacancy of Lawrence Inglis
2nd Appellate Court - Va-

Cook County - Only if you vote Republican
County Com. - Dist. 16

If you vote Democrat Candidate

None
Paul G. Vallas
Pat Quinn
None
Peter Dagher

Hal Baskin
Jacqueline Y. Collins
Mary Nolan
None
None

Keith Harris
None
None
None

Candidate
Gary J. Viclan
Roger A. Jenisch
Patrick J. O'Shea

Brien Sheahan
John Pankau
Joseph F. Cantore
Roger G. Kotecki

Barbara Gilleran Johnson
S. Louis Rathje

Tony Peraica

If you vote Republican Candidate

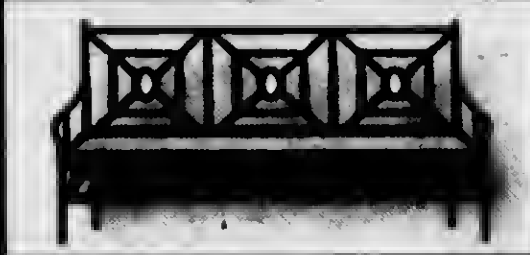
John Cox
Patrick J. O'Malley
Jack J. McInerney
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Pause at The Plaza

All following events take place Center Square, Lower Level, unless otherwise noted.

- Chicago Piano Man Dave Green**
Thursdays and Fridays
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Upper Level
- Gospel Fridays**
presented by House of Peace
Fridays
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Intimate Contact Jazz Band**
Saturdays
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Upcoming

- Kidstuff Activities**
hosted by Beverly Art Center
every Monday in March and April
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- March 4: African Dance
- March 11: Creative Art
- March 18: Contemporary Dance
- March 25: Creative Art
- April 1: Contemporary Dance
- April 8: Creative Art
- April 15: African Dance
- April 22: Creative Art

All classes for ages 6 and up. Creative art includes basics of drawing and painting, but also collage and printmaking. Contemporary dance is a combination of jazz and modern with a dash of hip-hop.



Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity

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In fitting tribute to the firemen and victims of the September 11th attacks, the 6th month anniversary was validated with a special hosted by Robert DeNiro. In a documentary filmed by 2 French film makers - the shocking events unfold before our disbelieving eyes.

Immediately after the first plane crashed into the first tower, firefighters rushed to the scene and began planning their course of action. To me the eerie part of watching this film was already knowing what the outcome would be, and hoping none of the firemen being interviewed would fall victim to their demise. And then, through the lens of the camera, we watched in horror as the first tower came crashing down.

The TV screen went black for a few second, the only sounds that could be heard was that of the firemen asking, "Are you okay?"

If this were a movie, most of us would leave the theater thinking, 'yeah, right, like

that could really happen!!! But, how heartbreakingly all too real these pictures of devastation are for us to bear. It's still impossible to fathom the carnage brought upon our country by such evil acts of terrorism.

True to their code of ethics, the firemen made their way towards the site of certain catastrophe, and as people jumped to their death, and others ran for their lives, these brave souls had a job to do - to save lives, even at the cost of losing their own. Though this film reignites the pain and memories of September 11th, to me it is also a haunting reminder that it can happen again.

The bloodied face of a fireman flashes across the screen as the voice behind the camera explains the experience as, "Hell happening here." Indeed, hell happened on the streets of New York that fateful day. But, have no fear, the angels were near - as they are today, in the form of firemen and policemen

who put the publics' safety before their own.

My brother-in-law, Terry Wirty is a fireman. He is currently the Captain of a downtown area firehouse, Engine 13 - squad 1. Shortly after the attacks on the Twin Towers, Bill asked his brother what he'd do if, God forbid, the Sears' Tower was struck. Of course he didn't hesitate to say he'd do his job, whatever that requires.

The 9/11 documentary is the story of the firefighters of Engine 7, Ladder 1 in New York. But, it's a look into the hearts and souls of firemen, from all over this great country, who would put their lives on the line for any one of us. We must never forget the courage, the sacrifice and the dedication that came alive that awful morning of September 11th.

There is a strong bond of brotherhood among firemen, a bond that may not have been understood before September 11th, but one that has been comprehended with

gratitude from that day on.

The focus of this bitter-sweet TV special was to show both the sorrow and the strength of these firemen who forever changed the way we define the word heroes.

Good men did great things that day - we were a nation brought together by thousands of kind acts. Three-hundred and forty three firemen died that day at the WTC. Let us never forget those who lost their lives and those who were relentless in their pursuit of rescuing victims in distress.

May we never, ever forget that day when the brotherhood of firemen showed amazing courage under fire.

McNamara to address Garden Seniors

John J. McNamara, Director, Satellite Operations, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Garden Seniors, Friday, March 22 at 1 PM at First Methodist Church, 100 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Blanch Gerard, coordinator, announced that McNamara will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Mr. McNamara's duties include directing all operations at six courthouses county wide and maintain historical archives at the County Warehouse in Chicago. He has been a dedicated leader in the community for many years.

"Proof", 2001 Tony comes to Chicago

Acclaimed actor Robert Foxworth assumes the role of Robert in the National Touring production of the Tony Award and Pulitzer-Prize winning "Proof", by David Auburn. Also starring is Chelsea Altman, who will play the role of Catherine. "Proof" will make its Chicago premiere at the Shubert Theatre for a limited engagement beginning Tuesday, March 26 through Sunday, April 7.

A veteran stage, screen and television actor, Foxworth is best known for his work as industrious wine maker Chase Gioberti in the long-running prime-time drama "Falcon Crest". He was seen on Broadway recently in "Judgement at Nuremberg". He also appeared opposite Jane Alexander in "Honour" and "Ivanov" with Kevin Kline.

His television credits include "2000 Malibu Road", "Law and Order", "Six Feet Under", and more.

Chelsea Altman recently appeared on Broadway in "Death of a Salesman" and "A View from the Bridge". Other stage credits include "Collected Stories", "The Monogamist", and "Taking Steps".

"Proof" is the story of Catherine, an enigmatic young woman, who faces the challenges of a genius father, her manipulative sister, an unexpected suitor and a mysterious mathematical proof only to realize that love is the most complex equation of all.

Tickets for "Proof" are \$22-\$65, are on sale now at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices, or by calling the Broadway In Chicago Ticketline at (312)902-1400. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

For additional information, visit the "Proof" web site by logging on to www.prooffonbroadway.com.

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CORRECTION
SORRY ABOUT THE ERRONEOUS HEADING ON PAGE 9 OF THE MARCH 5TH ISSUE. LITTLE COMPANY PRESENTS HERB CURES PRESENTATION. IT SHOULD HAVE READ THE USE OF HERBS IN HEALTHCARE TODAY.

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Diabetes

Researchers find eating a serving of whole grain cereal every day may reduce the risk of diabetes as much as 34%. A study conducted by Harvard researchers showed one serving of whole grain cereal a day had a statistically significant impact, measuring a 34% decrease in the incidences of Type 2 diabetes.

State Senator Patrick O'Malley and Jill Stanek, a registered nurse, testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee.



O'Malley testifies on behalf of *Born Alive* legislation

All "born alive" infants will have the same legal rights, no matter what their stage of development, under legislation sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) and approved March 5 by the Illinois Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bills 1661, 1662 and 1663 provide medical alternatives to cases in Illi-

nois when aborted infants have been born alive and not provided any type of medical assessments and/or care.

Testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee March 5 on behalf of O'Malley's legislation was Jill Stanek, a registered nurse who had worked in the Labor and Delivery Department at Christ Hospital.

"It has been reported that

some hospitals in Illinois, including Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, have performed abortions that resulted in living infants who were then allowed to die without appropriate medical care," O'Malley said. "My legislation asks that a live child born as a result of an abortion be fully recognized as a human person and afforded equal protection under the law."

Senate Bill 1663 requires any abortion procedure that might result in a live birth to have a physician on hand who is not involved in the procedure to independently assess the infant's viability and provide medical care if needed.

Senate Bill 1661 creates a cause of action if a child is born alive after induced labor abortion or any other

Quintos to speak at Oak Lawn Village Hall

Commander Bruce Quintos, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Law Enforcement Division, will speak before the N.A.R.F.E. #1106 on Wednesday, March 20 at 10:15 am at the Oak Lawn Village Hall in Oak Lawn.

John Altar, President, announced the commander will explain how the officers control the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Commander Quintos joined the Department in June of 1980. In November, he was assigned to work detached detail with the Illinois



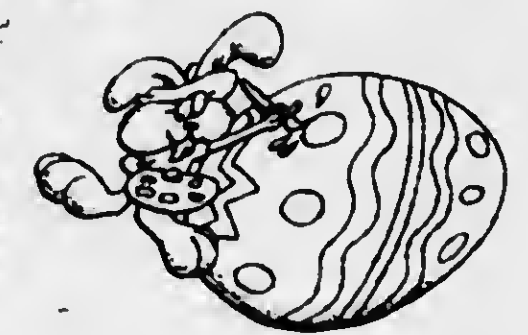
Commander Bruce Quintos

Department of Law Enforcement's undercover narcotics group known as the M.E.G. Unit. Quintos worked as an undercover narcotics agent making a record number of arrests in the Cook County Forest Preserve. He was promoted to 1988 to Field Operations Commander.

abortion and the doctor or health care provider harms or neglects the child or fails to provide medical care to the child after the child's birth.

Senate Bill 1662 defines "born-alive infant" to include every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development.

Senate Bills 1661, 1662 and 1663 now move to the full Senate for further consideration.



Healthy grains

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Reduced health risks: A study conducted by researchers at the University of Minnesota finds those who eat a variety of grains daily, especially whole grains, have a reduced risk of death from heart disease

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Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services happenings

Day trips

The Office of Citizens' Services at 3450 W. 97th Street in Evergreen Park offers a variety of one-day trips:

Tuesday, March 26- Cheesecake & Chocolate, deluxe motorcoach departs at 9:15 AM from the community center for OCS/Mid-America original tour for special event "Chocolate", deluxe buffet at Beyond Words Cafe, tour of Eli's Cheesecake Factory with samples. Tickets are \$52 for residents/\$57 non-residents.

Tuesday, April 30- Blue Chip Casino, deluxe motorcoach departs at 10:00 AM from the community center for Blue Chip Casino. The cost is \$22, which includes transportation, buffet lunch and \$10 cash back.

Wednesday, May 22- Cantigny & Mill Race Inn in honor of the Memorial holiday, OCS will visit the Memorial Museum at Catigny in Geneva, Ill., including a tour of the McCormick Mansion. Lunch will be at the Mill Race Inn. Deluxe



Bridgeview and Justice Chamber Luncheon

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce of & Industry and the Justice Chamber of Commerce are hosting an Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 24th, at Nikos Restaurant. Reservations required and prepayment is preferred by April 19th. Price is \$25.00 per person. Entertainment also provided. Treat your Admin., Professional (or other valued employees) to a great time and show them your appreciation! Contact either Chamber for more information, Bridgeview Chamber 708-598-1700 or Justice Chamber 708-458-7111.

motorcoach departs at 9:45 AM. Tickets are \$50.

Senior Citizens Council

The Senior Citizens' Council general meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Community Center at 10:00 AM in Room 110.

Residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. A Committee plans a variety of informative programs:

Thursday, March 21, Elizabeth Lough of Suburban Area Agency.

Thursday, April 18, Dr. Rompala from the Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center.

55 Alive

Fifty-Five Alive, a Defensive Driving Program sponsored by AARP, will be offered Monday and Tuesday, April 15-16 at the H.B. Maher Community Center.

Attendance for both days is necessary. Class size is

limited, so early sign-up is recommended. Registration taken at OCS or, if you prefer, by mailing a check in the amount of \$10 (made payable to AARP) to 3450 W. 97th Street Evergreen Park, IL 60805-3015. For further information, please call (708)422-8776.

The Evergreens

The Evergreens meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Auditorium of the H.B. Mayer Community Center. This group is a social group, which meets just for fun. Newcomers are invited for an enjoyable afternoon relating to a monthly theme. Dues are \$4 per year. A donation of \$1 per meeting is appreciated.

Tax help

Volunteer Tax Counselors continue to take appointments at Office of Citizens' Services at 3450 W. 97th Street. Tax appointment schedule until April 12

(Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9:30 AM-3:30 PM). A time limit of one hour per client is allotted. Phone (708)422-8776 for an appointment.

Spring party

The Office of Citizens' Services 29th Annual Spring Party-the senior social event of the year- will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at the Martique Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park, the opening day of the musical drama "Five Guys Named Moe".

Luncheon entree choice of jumbo shrimp or roast pork will be served at Noon, with a showtime of 2PM. Tickets are \$33 and are available at the Office of Citizens' Services.

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Garden Clinic in Evergreen Park

April is Lawn & Garden Month. It is time to "think spring" and get ready for spring planting.

The fourth Monday of each month is designated as the "Garden Clinic" day at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street,

Evergreen Park. Join the group in Room 112 at 10:00 AM to exchange information on how, when, and where to plant, fertilize and care for flowers and vegetables. Enjoyable and interesting, and you can reap the benefits.

Effective marketing workshop at Evergreen Park Library

Jennifer Maffei will present a unique workshop designed to simplify the challenge of effectively marketing a growing business on Tuesday, March 26 at 12:00 noon at the Evergreen Park Library, 9400 S. Troy. A light luncheon will be served. There is no charge, but reservations are required. Call the library at 422-8522.

Effective Marketing is the second of the Small Business Support Program seminars scheduled at the library, as part of a joint project between the Village of Evergreen Park, the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce, and the Evergreen Park Library. The seminars concentrate on developing aware-

ness of business-related issues and offer a forum for small business and community networking. Future topics include stress management, financial consideration, and customer service. Funding for the program was provided by a state grant.

A community Small Business Support Center located at the Evergreen Park Library supplies business and financial information. Users have access to electronic media and online resources through a computer workstation equipped with the Internet. Library staff is available to put small business owners in touch with appropriate resources.



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Easter Observance for Holy Week

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The school would like to acknowledge alumni and their children who have attended the school by creating a collage of pictures that will be displayed at the fundraiser. Anyone who has attended Beverly Montessori School and would like to participate in the collage should send two non-returnable, snapshot sized photographs: one from the time of attendance at the school, and one from the present, along with a biography. Send pictures to Beverly Montessori School 9916 S. Walden Parkway Chicago, IL 60643. Please call (773)239-7635 for more information.

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SEDER MEAL, Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 P.M.
A meal based on the Jewish Seder in Fullmer hall.
Reservations are required through the Rectory.

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th - 7:30 P.M.
Mass of the Lord's Supper (including washing of feet and Eucharistic Procession). Church will be open until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th
1:00 P.M. Ashburn Way of the Cross - beginning at Ashburn Lutheran
3:00 P.M. - Passion Play by St. Denis School Classes
7:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th
1:00 P.M. Blessing of Food and Easter baskets in Church
7:30 P.M. Easter Vigil Liturgy

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st
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Holy Week Services

Sat. March 23, 5:30 pm Communion (with Palms) Palm Sunday, March 24, Festival & Communion (with Palms) 10:00 am Maundy Thurs., March 28 Holy Communion 10:00 am	Good Friday, March 29 - Holy Communion Service 10:00am Tenebrae Communion Service 7:00 pm Easter Sunday, March 31 Easter Breakfast 8:15 am Festival Communion 10:00 am
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Embroiderer's Guild offers evening program

On March 19 at 7:00 PM, the Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild Evening Group will present a program from Nancy Sturgeon of Threads Though Time at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street.

Take a rare look at over 90 antique samplers from the former Carrie B. Neely Collection at the Museum of Science & Industry. This collection was given to the Museum in 1939 and is now dispersed throughout the world

as it was sold at auction at Sotheby's in London in 1998. Most of the samplers are English and German.

At the time Carrie B. Neely was amassing her collection, it was more popular to collect European treasures than American ones. The collection has been on display only twice, in the early 1970's. This lecture is the only opportunity to view the samplers that formed this museum collection for almost 60 years.

Landscaping design class at St. Francis

Get ready for spring planting! On Tuesday, March 26, from 7-8:30 p.m., St. Francis will be conducting a landscaping design class that will help you to create a beautiful look to your home or garden by using native plants, perennials, and annuals effectively.

The class will be held at St.

Francis Hospital and Health Center. The cost of this class is \$10, which includes class materials and refreshments. To register, please call 708/385-4433.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is located at 12935 S. Gregory in Blue Island.

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Oak Lawn Hilton hosts Spring Craft Show

A Spring Craft Show will be held on Sunday, March 24 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Hilton hotel in Oak Lawn, at 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

The admission charge is \$2. Children 10 and under are free, but strollers are not permitted.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 7:00 AM-1:45 PM. A buffet luncheon of individually priced items will be served from 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM in the Indoor Atrium Pool area.

More than 125 exhibitors will be featuring many beautiful items.

For additional information, please call (630) 513-7622.

OL Garden

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 21, at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:15 AM. The program will be "Beauty Spa Secrets at Home Using Herbs and Garden Flowers," presented by Louis Gruenberg.

Hostesses will be Nancy List, Marci Stritch and Lou Woll.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend as guest. Call 708-424-4846 for further information



The Bead Society of Greater Chicago will present "The Art of Beadwork" including work by artists Sher Berman, Virginia Brubaker, Phyllis Woloshin and Carol Fauré.

Bead Society's The Art of Beadwork sale

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Facts about Easter in Mexico

Easter is Mexico's most widely celebrated and important religious holiday of the year. Public observances take place in virtually every village, town and city of the predominantly Roman Catholic Mexico, and are far removed from traditional U.S. celebrations--for one thing, there is hardly a jelly bean or chocolate bunny to be found!

In Mexico, Easter is a two-week celebration better known as a combination of *Semana Santa* (Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter Saturday) and *Pascua* (Resurrection Sunday until the following Saturday). For most Mexicans, this is the most popular vacation time

of the year.

In many Mexican communities, a full Passion Play is enacted: from the Last Supper, the Betrayal, the Judgement, the Procession of the 12 Stations of the Cross, the Crucifixion and, finally, the Resurrection. The passion Play of Iztapalapa, south of Mexico City, is one of the most popular in the world--a 150-year old tradition that draws more than one million visitors.

Many Mexican towns honor the Virgin Mary on the Friday preceding Holy Week by constructing makeshift altars decorated with grain, gold foil, bitter oranges, and pictures of the Virgin Mary. The bitter oranges represent

Mary's suffering.

On Holy Saturday, street vendors sell one-to-five foot papier-mache effigies of Judas Iscariot, which are universally burned throughout Mexico. All have firecrackers attached, which are ignited as soon as the observance is over; at that point, children scramble for the candies and small gifts hidden inside.

While Mexicans don't engage in Easter egg hunts, they do enjoy confetti-filled eggs called *Cascarones*. Tradition says that breaking one of these eggs over someone's head will bring good luck to both perpetrator and victim.

Bourbon Street

115 Bourbon Street at 3359 W. 115th Street in Merrionette Park, is offering an Easter Brunch on Easter Sunday, March 31. First seating is at 11:00am, second seating is at 2:00pm.

The price of \$18.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children aged 10 and under includes many scrumptious items, including a Breakfast Station, a Carving Station with Lamb, ham, roast beef and corned beef; an Entree Station with Chicken Vesuvio, Pasta Ala Bourbon Street, and a fabulous dessert table.

Adult diners will receive a complimentary glass of champagne or a mimosa, and a "Build Your Own Bloody Mary" bar will be offered.

Of course, the Easter Bunny will hop in to greet the kids and an egg hunt and coloring contest will be part of the fun!

Call (708)388-8881 for reservations!

Easter KidStuff activities at the Plaza

The Plaza, at 9500 S. Western Avenue in Evergreen Park, is serving families with a lot more than shopping options this spring. Free KidStuff activities at The Plaza are popular opportunities for children to learn new skills or just have fun.

The Easter Bunny hopped into the Plaza on March 16 and will visit with young shoppers through March 30 during mall hours. Professional photo services are available to capture the moment for a fee, or parents can bring their own camera to

take snapshots.

Cute, fuzzy Easter chicks and bunnies are irresistible to kids of all ages who visit the Easter Petting Zoo, 11am-1pm Saturdays, March 23 and 30. The close-up encounter also features duckies, goats, and sheep.

KidStuff events are free and take place in Center Square, lower level.

The Plaza has been serving the families of Evergreen Park, Beverly, Morgan Park and surrounding communities for 50 years.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:
The United States Fire Administration at www.usfa.fema.gov.
Ocean Spray at www.oceanspray.com.
The 5 A Day program at www.5aday.com and www.aboutproduce.com.
The National Stroke Association at www.stroke.org.
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at www.va.gov.
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"Evita" comes to Drury Lane Oakbrook

One of the most exciting musicals of any season, "Evita", is currently playing at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook. The production is directed by Drury Lane Oakbrook's award winning Artistic Director, Ray Frewen.

Opening in London in the late 1970's and having a long run on Broadway, "Evita" is the artistic work of Tim Rice (lyricist) and Andrew Lloyd Webber (composer and orchestrator). The pair collaborated previously on "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Jesus Christ Superstar". "Evita" won 7 Tony Awards in 1980, including Best Musical.

Based on the life of Eva Peron, wife of Argentine dictator Juan Peron, "Evita" is the astonishing story of a girl from the most mundane of backgrounds who became the most powerful woman her country, and indeed Latin America, had ever seen; a woman never content to be a mere ornament on the side of her husband, the president. Her death of cancer in 1955, at age 33, ensured she became a legend.

Two talented Chicago performers will share the demanding role of Eva Peron, Susan Moniz and Tammy Mader.

Ms. Moniz recently appeared at the Drury Lane Oakbrook in *big, The Musical*; Ms. Mader has appeared in *Grease!*, *Singin' in the Rain*, and won a Jeff Award for choreographing *My One and Only*.

Eric Parker will play Che Guevara and Roger Anderson will play Juan Peron. Both actors are newcomers to the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage.

Production staff includes

Margaret James as musical director, and Marla Lampert and Paul Sullenger as choreographers. Resident designer Kurt Sharp designed the sets and Brigid Brown coordinated the costumes.

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Dr. Hogg is a 1984 Honors graduate of the University of Illinois Dental School and former Clinical Instructor. He currently practices in Oak Lawn. Hours are available by appointment at (708)422-1900. Copyright UMDI 2001.

Fitness class at St. Francis

St. Francis Hospital is proud to announce its exercise and stress management class. All classes are held at the hospital, 12935 S. Gregory Street in Blue Island.

Tone N' Tighten will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, April 10-29 from 5-6 PM. This six session class will focus on stretching and strength training exercises utilizing own body weight, bands and tubing.

The cost is \$35, \$25 for senior citizens. To register for the program, please call (708)385-4433.

Park Lawn needs volunteers for Tag Days

On March 29 & 30 and April 19 & 20, Park Lawn will be holding its annual Tag Days, and hundreds of volunteers will be needed to collect donations at street intersections and in front of stores in Chicago and surrounding communities.

This year, Park Lawn is specifically inviting clubs, service groups, and other organizations to take part in Tag Days. Individuals volunteers are also needed and are highly encouraged to recruit their family and friends. Safety vests, collection buckets, and handouts will be provided for volunteers. Convenient locations and time slots

are available.

For those unable to "tag" on the specified days, other alternatives are available. Donations may also be collected by students in area schools or through one's place of employment.

All proceeds from Tag Days benefit Park Lawn, a nonprofit agency located in Chicago's southwest suburbs that provides vocational services, supported employment, adult developmental training, and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

For more information on Tag Days or to schedule a time and location for your



Park Lawn volunteer
John Calich

group, please call the Park Lawn Development Office at (708)425-6867.

St. Francis Hospital expansion construction begins

Construction began recently with a completion projected for Summer 2003 at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center. The \$33.6 million expansion and renovation for the hospital is our largest expansion program in over 30 years and includes 140,000 square feet of new and reno-

vated existing space, allowing us to work more efficiently and to enhance services for our patients and their families.

This project will involve a three level addition to the hospital that will actually be two stories above ground and one below. The new front of

the building will be built out to where the sidewalk is now located on Gregory Street.

The Administration of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center cordially invites you to join us as *We Get Growing!* The Groundbreaking ceremony for the West Expansion will be held on

Thursday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in the main lobby. The Most Reverent John Gorman, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Vicar of Vicariate V, will do the Blessing of the Soil. A reception will immediately follow. Please call (708)597-2000 for more details.

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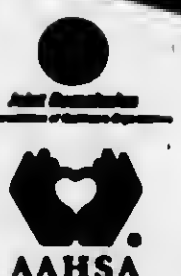
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Seniors Ask: prescription drug assistance

By Margo Schreiber, Director Illinois Department on Aging

Question: Help! I am so confused by all the prescription drug plans. I understand there are some new ones, but I can't keep them all straight and have no idea if I could even qualify for one. Can you help me sort them out?

Answer: Excellent question! And your right - it's hard to keep them all straight. Some prescription assistance programs are national, some are state, some are public and some are private. Each has a different payment formula. Probably the best thing you to do is to take a personal inventory of all the prescription medications you need on a regular basis and get an accurate figure on your total annual income and see what plan would best suit your needs. Here are a few of the major programs for senior who need help paying for prescription medications:

Circuit Breaker/ Pharmaceutical Assistance Program This is for Illinoisans with disabilities or those age 65 or older who have an income of \$21,218 or less, (or \$28,480 for a two-person household, and \$35,740 for a three person household); and need

prescriptions for Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, heart and blood pressure problems, lung disease and smoking related illnesses, osteoporosis and Parkinson's disease. Participant pay \$5 if they have incomes below the poverty level and \$25 if above the poverty level (which fluctuates yearly; currently the poverty level is \$8,590 for one person and \$11,610 for a two-person household). The Participant can obtain medications either at no cost or with a \$3 co-pay. After the program pays \$2,000 for benefits during the state's fiscal year (July 1-June 30), the participant pays 20 percent of the costs for the remainder of the year. Those qualified can also renew their license plates for \$24, which is a discount of \$54. Call the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY) for an application or more information or visit www.state.il.us/aging. The Illinois Department of Revenue, which administers this program, also allows those who previous filed Circuit

Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance applications to file via the internet at www.ILtax.com

Illinois SeniorCare This is modeled on the Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical assistance Program and pools federal and state Medicaid money to help seniors age 65 and older with a broader range of medications. Those with annual incomes up to \$17,180 for a single person and \$23,220 or less for a two-person household (200 percent of the federal poverty level) can qualify without being subject to an asset test (levels for 2001 applications filed in 2002). The program is scheduled to begin June 1, 2002, though it is advisable to go ahead and fill out the Circuit Breaker applications now. Seniors already enrolled in the Circuit Breaker/ pharmaceutical Assistance Program who meet the qualifications will be automatically enrolled in Illinois SeniorCare.

Novartis Care Card This national discount prescription card is offered through the Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. It provides eligible

Medicare recipients are eligible for the card if they: have a total income that does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty level (approximately \$26,000 for individuals and \$35,000 for couples), and do not have other prescription drug coverage. For questions or an application call 1-866-974-CARE or visit www.novartis.com/carecard.

GlaxoSmithKline Senior Drug Discount Card also known as the "Orange Card" This is for seniors age 65 and older and disabled persons who are enrolled in Medicare and have annual incomes at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level (less than \$26,000 for individuals and \$35,000 for couples), and lack public or private insurance programs or other pharmaceutical benefit programs, such as Medicaid. The "Orange Card" entitles holders to savings averaging 35 percent on outpatient GlaxoSmithKline prescription drugs. Eligible Seniors can obtain an Orange Card form from their doctors or by calling 1-888-ORANGE-6. For more information, visit

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Pfizer Share Card This is for people enrolled in Medicare who have no prescription drug coverage and have a gross income of less than \$18,000 a year or \$24,000 for a couple. Those who qualify pay \$15 for up to a 30-day supply of a Pfizer prescription. Call 1-800-717-6005 or visit www.pfizerforliving.com for more information or an application.

For more information, please call the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior Helpline at 1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY). Staff will be happy to answer your questions or refer you to the right place, including places in your own community where you can get help in filling out the Circuit Breaker/ Pharmaceutical assistance applications, or write to:

Seniors Ask
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A. No. Assuming that you meet all of the other requirements for entitlement, you must provide proof of either U.S. citizenship or lawful presence in the United States to receive monthly Social Security benefits if you file your claim after December 1, 1996. You are not required to provide such evidence if you filed a claim for monthly Social Security benefits before December 1, 1996. Also, you do not need to provide such evidence if you are only filing for the one-time Lump

Weight Management
Weight control: Researchers report diets high in carbohydrates and low in fat can help in weight control. Ian Caterson, professor of human nutrition at Sydney University and a world expert on obesity, and Janet Franklin, an accredited, practicing dietician who works with the Metabolism and Obesity Services at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, found scientific evidence supporting the claim that a high-carbohydrate, low-fat diet can help people lose weight and keep it off. Carbohydrates, found in breads, pastas, and cereals, satisfy your appetite, plus offer the added benefits of fiber and other nutrients. Contrary to popular belief, high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets (which are generally high in fat) do not lead to long-term weight loss and may actually be dangerous.

Sum Death Payment regardless of when you file.

Q. My mother recently started receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits. She said the Social Security representative said she wasn't eligible for Social Security benefits but she couldn't receive SSI. Why wasn't she eligible for Social Security benefits?

A. Without knowing your mother's exact situation, I will speculate that she wasn't eligible for Social Security benefits because she didn't have enough work credits (work long enough or recently enough) to qualify for Social Security benefits. People who do not qualify for Social Security sometimes qualify for SSI if they are age 65 or older, blind or disabled. They also must have low income and few assets.

IRS collects overdue tax debt from Social Security Beneficiaries

By Rosalie Thompson Social Security District Manager

Social Security beneficiaries who owe federal taxes to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) risk a reduction in benefits of as much as 15% a month to pay the debt. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 authorizes IRS to collect delinquent federal tax from federal payments, including Social Security benefit payments.

IRS will send a warning notice, Final Notice Before Levy on Social Security Benefits, beginning October 1, 2001. Beneficiaries who owe a delinquent federal tax will receive a notice before IRS reduces a Social Security benefit. The notice explains:

- The debt amount
- How to pay the debt.
- What to do if the beneficiary cannot pay the debt.

There will be no deductions from:

- Children's benefits.
- Benefits undergoing partial withholding to repay a debt owed to Social Security.

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments.
- Lump sum death benefits.
- Special age 72 benefits (Prouty benefits).

The Department of the Treasury will reduce benefits in February 2002 and continue until the beneficiary pays the debt owed. Each month, when the money is deducted, the Treasury De-

partment will send a letter stating:

- When the deduction occurred.
- The amount deducted.
- How to contact IRS to discuss the delinquent federal tax debt.

Beneficiaries who have questions should call IRS at 1-800-829-7650. Call within 30 days to arrange to pay the

debt or to explain special circumstances, such as bankruptcy. Social Security can only answer general questions about the reduction of benefits.

Q. Are immigrants who work and pay Social Security taxes but are unlawfully in the United States eligible for any type of Social Security benefit?

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Left to right: Judith Hoppe, Scott Aiello and Benjamin Montague star in the Pegasus Players production, "The Waverly Gallery", at Truman College.

Hoppe's performance makes *The Waverly Gallery* unforgettable

By Joyce Macey

Judith Hoppe of Oakbrook, a retired teacher at Chicago's Daley College, takes audiences on a riveting and poignant journey along the path of Alzheimer's disease in the Pegasus Players production, "The Waverly Gallery", at Truman College. The play is the work of Kenneth Lonergan, playwright and Academy Award nominated screenwriter. The show was also a finalist in 2001 for a Pulitzer Prize.

Hoppe plays Gladys

Green, a former lawyer who manages a Greenwich Village art gallery. Her journey into Alzheimer's makes for wrenching theater as her daughter (played by Laurie Larson), her daughter's husband (ably played by Howard Fine), their son (Benjamin Montague), and the artist played by Scott Aiello make for a fine tuned vehicle.

The audience appeared to relate to the frustration as Gladys descends in to the helplessness of Alzheimer's.

"Where are my keys?" she screams and "Where are you taking me?" The frustrations of the family as they see the as they see the once-vital Gladys lose her state of mind is well documented by the actors.

Ellen, Gladys' daughter (played by Larson), says to her son Daniel (Montague), "I wish she'd just die in her sleep."

Avoidance of confrontations and Gladys' endless patter comes to fore as Daniel

avoids seeing his grandmother whenever possible.

Gladys' insistence on feeding her daughter's dog and her constant request to do so put Ellen "over the wall".

The show continues through April 14 at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson in Chicago. Parking is free in an enclosed garage.

Tickets range in price from \$15-\$25 and are available by calling (773)878-9761. The show is co-directed by Susan Pavdeen and Jeff Ginsberg.

Oak Lawn Park District

The group's upcoming production schedule is:

Mame (June 7-9, June 13-16); *Bye, Bye Birdie* (August 9-11, August 15-18); *Chicago* (Nov 8-10, Nov. 14-16); and, in 2003, *The Sound of Music* (March 7-9, March 13-16).

Season tickets are available for \$55 at the Oak View Center, located at 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. For more information, call (708)857-2200 or email infor@olparks.com.

"Kiss Me, Kate" comes to Chicago

"Kiss Me, Kate", the winner of 5 Tony Awards, comes to Chicago's Ford Center for the Performing Arts Oriental Theatre Wednesday, March 27 through Sunday, April 7. Rex Smith and Rachel York star in this first national tour as the feisty and funny couple, Fred Graham and Lili Vanessi. Smith and York were recently seen together in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* on Broadway.

"Kiss Me, Kate" is one of Broadway's most beloved musicals, with music and lyrics by Cole Porter, and features some of Porter's greatest hits: "Too Darn Hot", "Wunderbar" and "Brush Up Your Shakespeare".

Set backstage during an out-of-town tryout for a musical based on Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew", egotistical actor-producer Fred Graham (Smith) and his ex-wife Lili (York) bicker and romance their way through timeless story. Just like Shakespeare's Petruchio and Kate-whom they play onstage and in the play

within a play -- it's a fight to the finish in a classic battle of the sexes.

Rex Smith made his Broadway debut as Danny Zuko in the original production of "Grease!". He has appeared on Broadway in "Grand Hotel", "Anything Goes", "West Side Story", "Carousel", and "The Scarlet Pimpernel". His latest starring role was that of Frank Butler in the First National Tour of "Annie Get Your Gun". He hosted TV's "Solid Gold" and starred on numerous television shows and movies, including the CBS daytime series "As The World Turns" and the movie "Sooner or Later", which featured his hit song "You Take My Breath Away". He will be featured in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's "Teen Idol" wing, which will open in the spring.

Tickets for "Kiss Me, Kate" are \$32-\$75 and are on sale now by calling 312/902-1400 or at all Ticketmaster outlets.

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Besides providing natural energy for keeping up to speed to tackle all of life's daily tasks, consuming a variety of grain foods is a great way to help achieve good overall health. Grain foods help prevent a variety of health problems and can help with weight management. The following are summaries of recent studies that have found positive correlations between grain foods and good health. Key findings are noted in bold.

Alzheimer's

Folic acid may help prevent Alzheimer's. A research project at the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown on Aging found folic acid--a B vitamin found in foods such as enriched breads and pastas--may slow down the destruction of brain cells in Alzheimer's disease. The Nim Study's lead investigator explained folate is important in the development of the human nervous system during pregnancy and may place a role in the maintenance of the integrity of the brain later in life.

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Birth Defects

Neural tube defects (NTD's): Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report NTD's decreased by 19% following folic acid fortification in the U.S. food supply. For almost 10 years, the CDC and the U.S. Public Health Service have recommended all women of childbearing age consume 400 micrograms of the B vitamin folic acid each day to decrease the risk of NTDs, such as spina bifida and anencephaly. CDC researchers reported a 19% decrease in NTDs since the government mandated folic acid fortification of enriched breads, pastas, and other grain foods.

Cancer

Breast Cancer: Folic acid intake may reduce breast cancer risk associated with alcohol. Mayo Clinic researchers evaluated health questionnaires filled out by

more than 41,000 women. They found those who had the lowest intake of folic acid, either from diet or supplement, and drank more than four ounces of alcohol a day, had a 59% increased risk of developing breast cancer, compared with women

whose folic acid intake was above average and who never drank alcohol.

Stomach Cancer: Researchers determine cereal fiber helps prevent at least one form of stomach cancer. A study conducted by the Mayo Clinic found those

who ate the highest amount of cereal fiber, which can be found in whole grain bread, oatmeal, and certain breakfast cereals, were less likely than those who ate little or no cereal fiber develop cancer at the juncture between the esophagus and the stomach.

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Richards High School students win art awards

Students from Richards High School in Oak Lawn collected numerous awards at the regional Scholastic Art Awards, the most prestigious competition for student artists in the United States, at the competition in February at Elmhurst College.

Scholastic Art Awards offer high school students the opportunity to have their artwork judged in both regional and national competitions. Those winning a Gold Key at the regional level have their artwork advanced to the national finals in New York City in April.

Gold Key awards honor pieces judged among the fin-

est in a particular category (drawing, painting, ceramics, etc.) followed by Silver Key, and, finally, honorable mention.

Richards students who won a Gold Key included Francisco Garcia, Christian Gomez, Christine Janiszewski, and Ryan Le of Oak Lawn, and Christine Gutierrez of Chicago Ridge.

Those who won a Silver Key were: Patrice Connelly, Angel Gonzalez, Gary Johnson, Sophia Le, Kim Rook and Robin Whitney of Oak Lawn; Deana Jackson of Calumet Park, and Nicole Mynarich, Maria Ontiveros and Lareane Wassinger of

Chicago Ridge.

Those who won honorable mentions were: Ryan Abelseth, Shari Barcebal, Margaret Blinstup (2 awards), Cassie Chapel, Brittany Chesna, Lauren Davies (2 awards), Angele Dombrowski, Kate Enright, Francisco Garcia, Angel Gonzalez, Kyle Krystek, Sophia Le, Sylvia Maka, Suzy Molloy, Anna Stani, Jamie Thornton (2 awards), and Rob Wiechec of Oak Lawn; and Holli Jensen, Vanessa Julian, Kevin Moore, Nicole Mynarich, Larene Wassinger, and Mai Wazaz.



Pictured from left to right are Richards High School students and Gold Key winners Christine Janiszewski, Christine Gutierrez, and Ryan Le.

Pictured from left to right are Richards High School and Silver Key winners (front row) Lareane Wassinger, Deana Jackson, Sophia Le, and Patricia Connelly and (back row) Corrine Kosek, Angel Gonzalez, and Nicole Mynarich.



Pictured from left to right are Honorable Mention winners (front row) Nicole Mynarich, Holli Jensen, Suzy Malloy, Shari Barcebal, (row two) Lareane Wassinger, Mai Wazaz, Margaret Blinstup, (row three) Angel Gonzalez, Sylvia Maka, Angelea Dombrowski, Sophia Le, (row four) Cassi Chapel, Kyle Krystek, Anna Stani, Kate Enright, (back row) Rob Wiechec, Brittany Chesna, Lauren Davies, and Jamie Thornton.



Ten steps to better cold calling

By Stephen Schiffman

We have a saying at my office, "When God wanted to punish salespeople, he invented the cold call."

I remember how I felt about cold calling in the early years of my career. Do your hands get sweaty, does your heart beat faster, does your throat get tight right after you've finished dialing? Mine did--until I learned these ten simple steps:

Know Why You're Calling: In my company, our goal on a cold call is to get an appointment to go and talk to someone in person. What we say is *always directed* toward getting that appointment.

When you make a cold call, do you know exactly what you will say? Do you know exactly your goal for the call? The answer to the second question determines the answer to the first. Don't improvise! Know your approach word for word!

Begin by Writing It All Down: For your prospecting approach to work, write down what you'll say. Write

it so you can read it. Then practice it so much it becomes second nature!

Get the Other Person's Attention: First, try writing down a sentence that gets the prospect's attention in a formal way. Use the person's name. From birth, we are conditioned to respond to our name. So use that name as the first element of your approach.

Identify Yourself: Next, think of a simple sentence to identify yourself and your company. Now, on your paper, you should have something like this: "Mr. Jones, this is John Brown from ABC Company."

Say Why You're Calling: The next step is state, simply and briefly, why you're calling.

To do this effectively, focus on a benefit. Identify *one important and persuasive benefit* of your product or service. So, under what you have written, add this, "The reason I'm calling you specifically today is to tell you about our program,

which can help you to (reduce costs, coordinate offices, reduce downtime, whatever)." Make sure you state the benefit of your product.

Read it aloud. How does it sound? Is it too long or awkward? If so, try again.

Ask for the Appointment: If salespeople simply ask confidently for a face-to-face meeting by proposing a *single specific time and date*, we have found their prospecting numbers improve dramatically. Here is how it might sound: "What I'd like to do is meet with you to show you how our program has helped other people in the industry. How's Tuesday at 10:00 am?"

Then *stop talking* and hear what kind of response comes back!

Simple, isn't it? Read the whole approach aloud now. Practice it. It is not too hard.

Prepare for the Responses You Will Hear: We know there will be negative responses during the prospecting call. In fact, we

hear the same ones all the time. Of the many ways to turn around various objections, here's one of the most effective: when someone says, "I'm not interested," say, "You know, Mr. Jones, some of my best clients told me the exact same thing--until I had the chance to show how our program cut costs and reduce down time. I'd love to show you the program we did for them--how's Tuesday at 10:00?"

Again, *stop talking*. Make two attempts to turn around the objection. If you can schedule the appointment, thank the prospect and conclude the call quickly and professionally. If you can't schedule the appointment, move on!

Always Leave a Voice Mail Message: I tell my own salespeople and all of the salespeople we train that, in this day and age, it is imperative to leave a voice-mail message. We've found that leaving a short message that requires a specific satisfied customer familiar to the per-

son we're calling yields many return calls. (It sounds like this: "Hi, this is Steve Schiffman from D.E.I. Management Group; my phone number is 212/555-5555; it is regarding Acme Co.")

Know Your Ratios: This step has you watch your calling patterns over time. You must *know your ratios*. That means you must know how many dials it takes to secure a single conversation with someone you want an appointment with. Furthermore, you must know how many of these *completed calls* it takes you to schedule an appointment. And you must know how many total appointments it takes you to close a sale!

When You Finally Do Meet Face-to-Face, Ask "Do-based" Questions: If your aim in the call is to set the appointment, don't try to sell at all! When you meet with the person face-to-face, focus on asking the kinds of questions that make it more likely for the prospect to decide to buy from you.

Our company's definition of efficient selling is a simple one: *Selling efficiently means asking people what they do, how they do it, where they do it, when they do it, who they do it with--and then and only then asking how we can help them do it better.*

Those questions should drive your first meeting. The truly successful salesperson, in my view, is one who gets face-to-face with a prospect and learns all he or she possibly can about what the other person does. Today, right now, make up your mind to become the most successful person you know. You can begin by one simple telephone call.

Stephen Schiffman is president of DEI Management Group, one of the largest sales training companies in the U.S. and the author of several bestselling books.

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MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Airman Gerard J. Kunz Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, the airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Kunz is the son of Ann Cardona and Gerard Kunz, Sr. of Chicago.

He is a 2001 graduate of Argo Summit High School in Summit.

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Jeremy Schultz has joined the United States Army under the delayed entry program. The program gives young people the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and

become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their new career job specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$4,000 enlistment bonus.

Schultz, a 2000 graduate of Oak Lawn High School, will report to Fort Sill for basic training.

He is the son of Linda and Charles Schultz of Oak Lawn.

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Army Pfc. Bartlomiej Kolodziejewski has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning.

The soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During infantry training, he developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewmen.

Kolodziejewski is the nephew of Susan Sochacki of Oak Lawn.

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Marine Corps Pvt. Douglas Terrell, son of Vickie Wierzbinski of Oak Lawn, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Terrell successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Terrell and fellow recruits began their training at 5 am, by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Terrell spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Terrell and other recruits also received instructions on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Terrell is a 2001 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

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Marine Corps Pfc. Esmeralda Orozco, a 2001 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C.

Orozco successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Orozco and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. Orozco also spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field operations.

Orozco and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team

effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time.



Air National Guard Airman First Class Kimberly A. Probst has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Maureen Wynne of Evergreen Park, and the daughter of Joseph Probst of Homewood. She is a 1999 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

Aaron W. Krikel, a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, will report for basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. Krikel enlisted in the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. He is the son of William U. and Joeline U. Krikel of Oak Lawn.

Marine Corps Pvt. D. Edwards is a 2001 graduate of Oak Lawn High School. Edwards has completed 12 weeks of training which was designed to challenge new marine recruits both physically and mentally. Edwards and fellow recruits finished their training with a 54-hour team effort and problem solving drill called The Crucible. An emotional ceremony followed. Recruits were presented with the Marine Corps emblem, and were addressed as 'Marines' for the first time.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Daley College students step into legislator's shoes

State government in Springfield took on a different look recently, when students from Daley College and two dozen others took over the state legislature. Colleges running the state? Not exactly, but close. Each spring for the last 24 years, college students from across Illinois have participated in a Model Illinois Government (MIG) simulation in Springfield. Students meet in the state capital and, for one weekend, act as if they are running. Eighteen Illinois colleges and universities competed, with almost 300 students participating, including thirteen from Richard J. Daley College.

When the dust settled and the imaginary smoke-filled rooms cleared out, the delegation from Daley College had swept the competition, beating out the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and other university teams, and had been judged the 2001-2002 Outstanding Small Delegation. The award took on special importance as the competition also included other universities, most offering pre-law programs: Eastern Illinois University, Illinois Wesleyan, Southern Illinois University,

as well as other community colleges. This is the third year running that Daley College has won this honor.

The program included legislative and budget simulations and a moot court competition. Students were assigned roles of legislators, lobbyists, journalists, attorneys, judges, and numerous positions of party, committee, and chamber leadership. For the legislative simulation, students were assigned to political parties and committees. Adding realism to the event, the legislative simulation each year takes place in the actual hearing rooms and legislative chambers of the Illinois capital buildings in Springfield.

Advisors and student delegates were observed and judged throughout the four-day competition. Nine Daley College students were elected to positions of leadership, and three received major awards. Alfonso Santoyo was elected Minority Leader in the House and received the award as Outstanding Member of the House of Representatives; Rozillus Cain was elected Assistant Majority Leader and received the award as Outstanding Member of the

Senate. Paula Koperniak was judged to be the Outstanding Journalist. Other elected positions were Dan Naliwajko-Majority Whip in the House, Julia Bakr-Chair, Elections Committee in the House, Koron Nash-Vice Chair, Elections Committee in the House. Aina Adely and Gabriela Toro served as members of the House of Representatives, Ryan Smith as a senator, and Joseph Barnett and Robyn Poplawski as attorneys arguing a case before the Supreme Court. Rozillus Cain was elected as Senate President for next year.

This is the third year that Daley College won the Small Delegation Award.

H.S. Spring Concert!

On Friday, April 19, 2002, at 7:30 PM, the Lourdes High School Show Chorus will present its Spring Concert "Song of America" in Stritch Hall Auditorium, 4034 W. 56th St. (entrance on 56th and Komensky). Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the door.

Under the direction of Chorus director Ms. Mariagnes Menden, and Choreographer Josephine Gomez, "Song of America" will feature the LHS Show chorus performing a song and dance review of favorite patriotic songs such as My Country 'Tis of Thee and God Bless the U.S.A.

America, our history, our heritage, our songs! Experience the music that made our country great and mirrors who we are as Americans in this inspiring arrangement by Mac Huff.

A formal reception for chorus members and their guests will be held in the Stritch Hall foyer immediately following the concert.

For additional information please call Lourdes High School at 773-5812-2555.

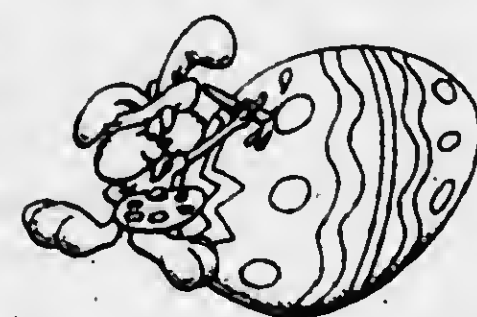


There were so many exciting people, in fact even the Pipe and Drums squad of the Chicago Police Dept. waved to me as I took their picture from my car.

Although I didn't arrive until later, I did see the beautiful float of our dear friend, Thomas Dart. Pictures of the floats include Cook County Commission Float and unidentified float but it was beautiful and active with people.

I was impressed with the Pioneer Drum and Bugle band from Milwaukee, WI. They were in front of the reviewing stand and didn't quite get their signal to play, so the chairman of the parade said, "Alright let's hear the music." I hope they won 1st place or second. I'm sure Frank Manna's Marist Band or the Imperial Band should win. Then, of course there were other high school bands and they should win also.

Sorry we cannot get the results, but we had a deadline.



Olympic Night 2002 at St. Laurence High School

Sixth and Seventh grade boys are invited to participate in "Olympic Night 2002" at St. Laurence High School on Tuesday, March 26, for an exciting day of contests, competitions, games, food, and refreshments. Registrations will begin at 6:30 pm, while events will start at 7:00 pm. Attendees will have the chance to meet St. Laurence students-athletes and the award winning Viking cheerleaders.

"Olympians" will have a chance to test their skills in

tug-of-war, the obstacle course, and various basketball contests. They can also participate in weightlifting competitions that will be held in the university-style Charles Grunhard Fitness Center, and compete in a baseball hitting contest in the school's batting cages, as well as other athletic activities. Awards will be presented to every competitor. Pizza and soda will be served.

Please call (708)458-6900 ex. 242 for more information.

Lunch Cherish Project

The Reverends Michael Boland, Administrator of Catholic Charities, and John Smyth, Executive Director of Maryville Academy, have announced the formation of Cherish Project, a collaborative program to recruit and train potential foster parents and prospective mentors for adolescents.

To learn more about the program, an information meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at Vincent Hall, 721 North LaSalle Street, at 7 PM. Attendees will learn more about Cherish Project and how they might provide a caring home or how they might serve as mentors, by sharing their time and talents with youngsters in need of guidance. Refreshments will be served. Limited free parking will be available at the corner of Erie and LaSalle Streets.

For more information, telephone 312/651-2000

Tis great to be Irish

by Annette Dixon

Tis great to be Irish, especially on St. Patrick Day, says Catherine. "It's fun selling all the trinkets to happy people."

On Sunday, the official day of St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, the Southside Irish had their day. Although cold and cloudy, the Irish lucked out as usual, for it did not rain. It appeared more than 350,000 were there.

The people were in costume, I mean the audience.



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CR approves new condos

by Jude Coyle

The March 5 Chicago Ridge Village Board Meeting dealt with a rezoning request from Noonan Builders. The property at 10600 Southwest Highway is vacant, and up to that point zoned as C-2, or commercial property. Noonan Builders proposes to erect condominiums. That requires an R-3 zoning.

"This is a great development for this area," Mayor Gene Siegel commented. A nursing home is located on one side of the property, and like buildings on the opposite.

The development would consist of (2) four story buildings, or a total of 32 units. Each unit would include a 1-car garage, and an extra parking space. In order to make this work, each space would have to be reduced from the standard 10'x20' to 9'x20'.

The units will be considered 'luxury' condos, with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, and elevators to the upper floors. Estimates place the selling price in the \$160,000 range.

When the vote was called, the proposal to rezone was approved by a vote of 4 to 2. Trustees Dan Badon and Don Pratl voted against the change.

Engineer Dr. Christopher Burke expressed his desire to have resurfacing, curb, gutter and sidewalk work com-

pleted this summer on the following streets: Austin and Mayfield, 109th Street to 109th Place, Central at 107th St.. He commented that drainage is a problem at Forest Avenue and Orchard, at 107th. He asked the Board to please wave the bid process, as Crowley-Shepard Construction was willing to hold to their 1994 prices if the Village were to assign them these tasks. The Board agreed

Asked about the status of the proposed TIF District, Attorney George Witous said that the Village was waiting for the contractor to complete a feasibility study. The proposal was to build a Hyatt. The feasibility study would ultimately determine if that area could support a hotel.

The Board approved business licenses for U.S. Tobacco at 10137B S. Harlem, and Avanti Photography at 10725 S. Ridgeland.

The Southside Garden Club will use the parking lot at the Municipal Center to sell flowers on May 4th.

will present their Third Annual Murder Mystery Play, *Barley Big Top Traveling Circus*, on Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 PM., and on Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 PM. Dinner will be served at both performances and reservations must be made in advance. Tickets for the dinner and performance are \$12.00. Call Sue Kilburg, the circus business manager, at 708/448-1731, or the church office at 708/448-6682 to make your reservations. Only 100 tickets will be sold for each performance.



Topinka celebrates Pulaski Day

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (third from left) was a guest speaker at the recent Pulaski Day Celebration held at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago. Here she is with President of PRCUA and Chairman of the Polish Museum of America, Wallace Ozog and members of the PRCUA Jackowo Dancers.

The Pulaski Day Celebration is an annual celebration honoring General Casimir Pulaski, sponsored by the Polish Roman Catholic Union (PRCUA) and Polish Museum of America. General Pulaski offered his services as an experienced and well trained military leader to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He greatly distinguished himself at the battle of Brandywine, was later made a Brigadier General and the first commander of the American Cavalry. In 1779, at the age of 32, Pulaski was killed while leading a Calvary charge in Savannah, Georgia. Pulaski is referred to as the Father of the Calvary and once wrote to George Washington, "I came here where freedom is defended, to serve it and to live or die for it." (Photo taken by Teresa J. Potasiak.)

Happy Easter to all

Local communities contribute to 9-11 Relief Fund

The Village of Chicago Ridge and Bridgeview Bank Group Chairman Peter Haleas announced the final collection totals of the 9-11 Relief Fund. The Southwest side municipalities and Bridgeview Bank has contributed in excess of a quarter of a million dollars.

According to May Siegel, "Our goal was to collect \$150,000 and we have far exceeded expectations. The Southwest municipalities and Bridgeview Bank Group have really stepped up to help America in need."

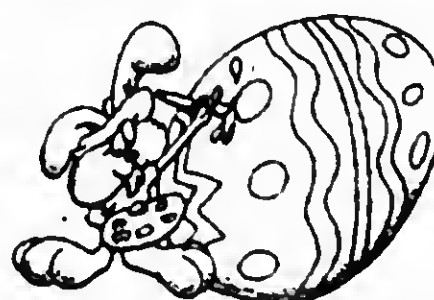
Twelve communities, several businesses, schools and community organizations participated in the fund and money was raised in a variety of ways. Firefighters stood on street corners, children collected in schools, people walked off the streets and into Village Halls to help.

The fund was started immediately after the 9-11 attack when Mayors from surrounding communities met at

Bridgeview Bank to see what everyone could do. Mr. Haleas said, "at the moment we all needed a way to feel that we were doing our part for America. This fund is the result."

The money will be given to a wide variety of charities involved in care giving and family relief. According to Mr. Haleas, "each community will select the charity they wish the funds to be directed towards. Bridgeview Bank will follow their directions to the letter so those that gave will have confidence each dollar is being spent wisely."

The entire fund will be dispersed by March 30, 2002.



Easter Brunch

Allgauer's Grill, conveniently located in the Radisson Hotel Alsip, will host its annual elegant Easter Sunday Champagne Brunch serving dozens of delicious selections in the restaurant as well as the grand ballroom.

The Easter Bunny will be there to pass out candy and for complimentary photographs with children. The restaurant and ballroom will be decorated for the holiday including ice sculptures.

The traditional brunch offers a complete breakfast selection as well as an omelet station where guests can have them made-to-order. A chef's carving station will include leg of lamb, bone in ham and prime rib of beef. Allgauer's is also serving chicken piccata, sliced roast pork loin, lemon sole, orange roughly, Polish sausage and sauerkraut, roasted baby potatoes, rice pilaf, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, hot vegetables, peel-and-eat

shrimp, crab legs and whole salmon. There will be a large dessert table with many sweets.

There are three seating times: 11 am., 1 and 3 PM. Reservations are required by major credit card. For reservations call 708-371-7300, extension 623.

The Radisson Hotel Alsip is located at 5000 W. 127th St., just off I-294 at Cicero Avenue.

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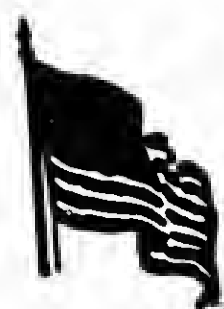
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EP adopts an emergency disaster plan

by Jude Coyle

The Evergreen Park Village Board adopted an emergency disaster plan at their March 18th meeting. This entails every type of disaster, including severe weather and possible acts of domestic terrorism.

Mayor James Sexton congratulated Commissioner Mary Murphy for her work in this endeavor. He commented that this program has already come into use, citing the gas pipe break at 107th and Kedzie in Chicago during the last snow storm. "We opened our stores and our shelter," he said. "Chicago didn't have anything to offer."

Commissioner Murphy introduced Director Kevin J. Philipps of the Cook County Sheriff's Emergency Disaster Agency. Under his tutelage, Village officials took a look at all of the hazards Evergreen Park might be exposed to, and learned the ins and outs of establishing a working plan.

Director Philipps presented Mayor Sexton and the Board with a certificate of accreditation. He said, "This represents a real serious commitment..." This program, Philipps said, has been available for quite some time.

Since September 11, though, a lot of towns are jumping on the band wagon. Evergreen Park, according to Philipps, has been involved with this prior to 9/11, and is among the first wave of towns making preparations in the event of a disaster.

Commissioner Murphy thanked Fire Chief Ed Clohessy, and Firefighter Jeff Clohessy for their efforts during the Chicago gas pipe rupture and the fire that followed.

Also of note, Mayor Sexton announced the first annual Environmental Awareness Fair to take place on Saturday, April 13th. The event begins at 9:30 AM, and continues until 1:00 PM. It is a celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, and will be filled with fun and information. Admission is free. Contact the Recycling Department at 708/422-1551.

Also, there is still time to order trees through the Village Hall. A pamphlet is available concerning varieties, sizes and prices. Full payment and orders are due by Friday April 5th.

Mayor Sexton asked for approval of a shift in the volume cap. Annually each mu-

nicipality is allowed to sell \$150,000 in general construction bonds. If not used, the ability to sell bonds, or the volume cap, is not carried over to the next year. Instead, municipalities are allowed to shift the volume cap to other villages or cities whose projects require more than the initial \$150,000. The municipality who agrees to shift their volume cap earns a 1% commission, or \$15,000. Evergreen Park's volume cap would go to Park Forest. The Board agreed.

The Board also agreed to a resolution reallocating \$303,000 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds from the general fund. This money will be used for maintaining the streets and highways. A total of \$600,000 has been collected in Motor Fuel Taxes.

Engineer Robert Boehm reported that he has received the final order from the Illinois Commerce Commission concerning the 94th and Kedzie traffic light project. The contract will go out to bid in June, and work will begin soon after. This includes a new traffic light, and better signal control for the railroad at that crossing.

The Dorothy Menker Theater. All proceeds from the benefit go to Moraine Valley and its students, especially performances in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are range from \$75-\$125 per person and reservations can be made by calling (708)974-5740.



Left to right: newly sworn Oak Lawn officer James Hunt congratulating newly sworn Oak Lawn Police Chief Robert Smith.

O.L. Police Chief sworn in

New Police Chief Robert Smith was sworn into office at the beginning of the March 26, 2002 meeting of the Oak Lawn Village Board. Chief Smith, formerly Division Commander, is a resident of Oak Lawn, and a long time member of the Oak Lawn Police Department. He replaces James P. Hawk, a thirty year member of the Oak Lawn Police Department.

The Village Chambers was packed with police officers and others who had come to show their support and good wishes. Chief Smith recognized his daughter, Alexis; his wife, Sue; several siblings, particularly his brother, Jim, who is a detective for the Chicago Police Department.

Smith thanked former Chief Hawk for being his mentor and allowing him his wings. He promised to do the best job he could for the people and the Village of Oak Lawn.

Trustee Keane commented that the Village had received 5 or six applications from within the Department, and that all of the applicants were well qualified.

Police Patrol Officer James Hunt was also sworn in that evening. Given the chance, he recognized his father, James, who is a retired Captain with the Markam Police Department.

Chief Thomas Moran asked the Board to approve the award of a contract to William Steel Erectors of Oak Lawn. For \$19,890, Williams will build a three story exterior metal staircase to the Fire Department training tower.

Chief Moran explained that he had originally planned to complete this project floor by floor. Recently, enough funding has become available to allow completion of the entire project. Williams Steel Erectors, Moran explained, came

out to the site, look at the project, draw up plans and place a bid. After receiving those plans, Moran submitted them to Frega, the Village's architects for approval. Chief Moran said that he had contacted other companies, but did not find anyone willing to come out.

Trustee Streit commented that he opened the phone book and found lots of entries for contractors who build metal staircases. He had problems with the idea that the plans would be drawn up first, and then approved by the architect. In spite of that, when the vote was called, approval was given to waive the bid process by a vote of five to one.

Village Manager Joe Faber asked the Board to award a contract to Unique Landscaping of Chicago. For a total of \$53,525, Unique would care for the land about the Municipal Center, Village Green and other Municipal Areas.

Starry, Starry Night... at Moraine Valley

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will hold its eighth annual gala, "Starry, Starry Night-An Evening of Delight!" on Saturday, April 13 in the Fine and Performing Arts Center on the Palos Hills campus.

The evening will satisfy the appetite for good food

and entertainment. A dinner reception will held, starting at 6 pm, throughout the arts center with food prepared by many of the area's finest establishments. A silent auction begins at 6pm and The Diamonds will cap off the evening's festivities with music and comedy at 8pm in

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Homestead in Evergreen Park opens under new management

Maribeth McCaw, Tim Hurley, Noralee and Roy Goossens, and George Poms reopened Homestead Restaurant in Evergreen Park on 95th Street. They will be officially opened on Tuesday, April 2nd with a

ribbon cutting ceremony at 4PM.

Maribeth stated that they will have a full service bar until 3:00 AM and live entertainment on weekends.

They will continue to have their rib dinners and will open at 4PM to 11:00 on weekdays and 4PM-12:00AM on weekends.

Call for reservations: 708 / 857-4400

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Jan Haffner, Manager of the Prosperity Club and Frank Pisani.



Prosperity Club members Les Onken and Birdie Onken.

Pisani entertains at prosperity club

James Fitch, Chief Executive officer for Advance Bank gave the introduction to the membership into the Prosperity Club. He stated that Advance Bank is happy to announce that they are into the 2nd year of a 5 year plan. He also discussed qualifications into the prosperity club, which limits the age to seniors of 50 years of age and older.

Mr. Fitch stated that 25 percent of the bank's total deposits are comprised from the members of the prosperity group!

Mr. & Mrs. Les Onken, residents of Chicago Ridge, pictured, are prosperity members. It was the first time they attended an event. They wanted to see Frank Pisani.

Mrs. Jan Haffner, manager of the prosperity club introduced some up and coming events. Their trip to London and Wales takes place Sept. 17th. They also have a trip in October to Savannah, Georgia.

For those who do not want to travel, the Greta Wiley Book Review and Luncheon will be Wed. June 5th, call early.

Jan's introduction of Frank Pisani was that he attended De Paul University, and received two lifetime achievement awards. He also sang the first and last song in "Sleepless in Seattle".

Frank Pisani has been called "The ultimate one-man show". He is a singer, actor, comedian,

and impressionist, bringing to the stage personalities such as George Burns, Jimmy Durante, Liberace, Frankie Valli and many more. Dick Biondi from Oldies 104.3 FM has called him a "Full house of entertainment".

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Representative Brosnahan serves Anne Peters lunch at the Community Nutrition Network.

Community Nutrition Network

Thirty years ago this month, the President signed into law, the inclusion of senior meal programs as part of the Older Americans Act.

To acknowledge this program, Community Nutrition Network, the senior meal program in this community, designated March 11, 2002, as March for Meals week.

Helping them celebrate was State Representative James Brosnahan, who helped the senior diners and shared lunchtime conversa-

tion. "I think the Community Nutrition Network provides an invaluable service to our seniors. I truly enjoyed myself at the lunch and was just happy to be able to help out," stated Representative Brosnahan.

It is our hope that more seniors will join us, not only for lunch, but to take part in the many activities we offer.

We also need volunteers to help us deliver meals to seniors in the community not able to join us for lunch because they are homebound.

Seniors interested in joining us for lunch, or anyone willing to give us one hour per week to deliver meals may call 708-422-5180 for additional information.

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From left: Kathryn Cavanaugh, R.N., Director of Maternity Services Patient Care Services, Michelle Dignan, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Little Company of Mary Maternity Services Clinical Nurse Specialist and Business Manager, and Mary Grimm, R.N., Nurse Manager, Maternity Services.

Little Company of Mary nurse receives award

Michelle Dignan, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Little Company of Mary Maternity Services Clinical Nurse Specialist and Business Manager, received the March of Dimes Outstanding Nurse Recognition Award for her commitment to the nursing profession and the difference she's

made in the lives of hundreds of mothers and babies.

As Clinical Nurse Specialist and Business Manager of Maternity Services, Dignan is dedicated to the health and well-being of the pregnant mothers and their babies. She guides Little Company's Maternity Services by caring

for mothers with high risk pregnancies and providing health education for new moms. In addition, Dignan has been team captain for the past two years. Dignan received her master of science in nursing from Loyola University and her master in business administration from

Keller Graduate School of Management. Dignan has been a nurse at Little Company since 1993.

"I am honored to receive this award and feel humbled that I am grouped, with so many wonderful nurses from around the area who have received this award," said Dignan. "But this is as much my award as it is the Maternity Services's at Little Company. I share this honor with so many dedicated, talented nurses who work side-by-side with me at the Hospital."

The March of Dimes Outstanding Nurses Recognition Award is given to nurses across the nation who show dedication to providing quality nursing care and a drive to improve the lives of mothers and babies.

Little Company has a long-standing reputation as "The baby Hospital". According to a December 2000 consumer survey, Little Company's nurses have been voted among the highest quality in the area. A neonatal specialist is available around the clock, seven days a week, to help care for infants in the Level II nursery.

Orthopedic specialist speaks at Little Company of Mary

Little Company's I. Harun Durudogan, D.O., orthopedic specialist, will keynote a special program for men of all ages on Saturday, June 15 from 7:30-11:30 am at the Hospital at 2800 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park. Dr. Durudogan will discuss "Keeping Your Joints Healthy".

The morning will include comprehensive blood work

including cholesterol levels and complete blood count, colon-rectal cancer detection kit, blood oxygen levels (oximetry), blood pressure and breakfast.

Reservations are required by June 6, and can be made by calling (708)423-5774. There is a \$35 fee for the morning. The actual value of the tests is \$350.

Free Blood pressure screening at the Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, every second Wednesday at noon to 2pm in their lower level meeting room. The next screening date is April 10.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain

the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Advocate Christ Medical Center, (708)346-3289, or the library, (708)422-4990.



Photo Family Fun

Digital Photo Printing: A Way To Save And Share Memories

(NAPS)—Uncertainty no longer need be an enemy of anyone who takes a photograph. There could be an easy answer to such questions as: Are you using the right film? Is the light right? Did you take a picture that is perfect for framing?

Recent technological advances have simplified the development process and have put more control into the photo-taker's hands. Today, developing lab-quality photographs is more convenient, simple and affordable, and can be set up in the comfort of your own living room, office or even on the go.

With the introduction of high-resolution digital photo printers, the pictures you take can be developed in just minutes without having to connect to a PC to view or print. Digital photo printers bring digital photos to life with high-quality digital prints that are suitable for archiving. These printers provide high-speed, affordable alternatives to professional photo processing services.

Three new digital printers can help you to create an unlimited amount of lab-quality, borderless photo prints in minutes. Both the Sony DPP-SV77 and DPP-SV88



New digital photo printers provide e-photographers with the ability to view, edit and save favorite photos with greater ease and flexibility than ever before.

digital photo printers can be easily set up in the home or office. The DPP-MP1—the world's smallest battery-operated portable printer, can be taken anywhere for photo printing right on the spot. All these Sony digital photo printers use dye sublimation technology with up to 16.7 million colors to create vibrant images in about 90 seconds. Unlike ink jet printing technology, which is commonly found in color printers, dye sublimation is good for creating lasting photos because of its ability to resist fading, humidity and water damage that would otherwise ruin color prints.

These user-friendly digital photo printers even have a "Creative" mode that lets you make specialty prints using

built-in templates for greeting cards, calendars and stamps. "Edit" mode provides the ability to resize, crop and change color, brightness, contrast and sharpness. For easy editing the DPP-SV77 includes a color LCD monitor that is touch-sensitive for free hand drawing with different line weights and colors.

Creative, fun and exciting ways to use your digital photo printer include:

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A Monthly Forecast - April 2002

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"It's Elementary Astrology" is a Psychic Insight based on the Elements: *Water [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] *Earth [Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn] *Fire [Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] *Air [Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and Astrology Sun Signs

***Water Signs:** This can be a very sensual and sexual month for you. Pay attention to your love life...you would not want someone else to now would you? This is also a month for practicing self-healing, meditation and writing down those dreams in a journal. Money is not really an issue this month if you find your way into finding funding. Finding an "angel" to back your projects is also highlighted well. H and D and people born in the signs of Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius are also sure to help you if you ask them to.

***Earth Signs:** This month would be a good time to put more effort into making your home life happier. You could start with a house-cleaning, getting rid of clutter and planning some family get-togethers. You might also check into health matters such as dental needs and getting massages or manipulations. Many of you may entertain the thought of going back for schooling, taking courses, being back on campus no matter what your age. K and C involved and someone A also.

***Fire Signs:** If you think big you get big things to work in your favour. You are not one to let things go, so, get to those harder things first, do them and the rest comes easier. A wealthy person comes into your life and may want to get behind you in some new venture or project. G and S can become deeply interested in some kind of travel plans with you. It would be a good time in May to follow through on such planning.

***Air Signs:** There is no grass growing under your feet! It seems that you have a lot going for you if you will just speak up and let people know what it is that you want from them! Remember, people are not mind-readers. Also, your love life needs a "face-lift," so dream up new ways to please your mate like candlelight dinners, dancing and even exploring the great outdoors. Walk together, read to each other, have a picnic on the bedroom floor after midnight...got it? Yeah!

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Theater Alive

by Georgean Fitzgerald

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library host Architecture cruise

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip that includes a guided architecture river cruise on the Chicago River and a visit to Eli's Cheesecake World on Tuesday, May 21. The in-person registration will be held 9-11 am on Saturday, April 6 at the Oak Lawn Public Library at 5300 W. 95th Street.

Marvel at the soaring towers of Chicago's Loop and hear the story of this great city's growth as told by a docent from the Chicago Archi-

ecture Foundation. Finish off the day at Eli's Cheesecake World with a box lunch in their cafe and a walking tour of the place where Chicago's favorite dessert is made. The bus departs at 9:30 am and returns at 2:30 pm. The cost of this all-inclusive motorcoach trip is \$40 for Friends members and \$42 for others.

After the in-person registration closes, you may call the library for information on how to purchase tickets at (708)422-4990.

Kudos and plenty of kisses to the time honored *Kiss Me Kate* which just opened at the stately, palatial Oriental Theater in downtown Chicago. If you want to escape the humdrum of your daily routine this musical could possibly be the answer. Lots of kisses go to *Kiss Me Kate*, the first Broadway musical to win a Tony Award and later nominated for a Grammy Award. In fact, it has won four more Tonys including best revival of a musical. The theme of this jazzy show is the chase and winning the heart of Kate, who bears the reputation of being flamboyantly brazen, strong and shrewish-yet desirable. The music and lyrics by Cole Porter are some of our all-time favorites like "Another Op'nin", "Another Show", "Why Can't You Behave", "Wunderbar",

"So In Love", "Tom, Dick and Harry", "I Hate Men," and there's more. Plus the finale "Kiss me Kate."

A veritable feast! The 1999 revival of the show since its debut on Broadway on December 30, 1948. This comedy and musical knock-out features a classic score with some of Cole Porter's biggest hits: "Another Op'nin", "Another Show", "Too Darn Hot", "Wunderbar", and "Brush Up Your Shakespeare." This is the show your grandmother and grandfather would love to see again and again. Even those teens would get a charge. It's still a winner and this production should receive an award as well. Now known as the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, and one of the original movie palaces of downtown Chicago, March 27 through April 7.

Byline by Gramberg

Every good soldier knows the drill...while at the guard post he must challenge all who approach. He calls out, "Advance and be recognized!"

Let's take a moment and consider the implication here. He is the sentinel. If needed all is not well, he issues an alarm alerting the camp or compound.

Now, for the sake of argument, let us say an enemy has passed through the lines and is at liberty to inflict serious harm to the camp at large.

Frightening? Certainly! Since the 9-11 incident we find the enemy has slipped past the guard post and is among us. He has already struck a blow with very devastating results. As for our

response...He has been engaged and pursued in every quarter where he is known to be in hiding. He has been injured and reduced in number, but far from being eliminated.

He is clever, he is dedicated, he is dangerous! Not only to himself, but to the whole of mankind! History has a way of bringing new challenges to each succeeding generation in time.

This situation is in our time and will most certainly reflect the future of the next generation. How will we deal with it?

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Military News

Marine Corps Pvt. Robert L. Lindgren, a 2001 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School, Evergreen Park, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Lindgren successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Lindgren and other recruits also received instruction on

the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage, and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Lindgren and other recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

September 11 may become a state holiday

Illinois residents would have more information about contamination of their drinking water and the victims of September 11 terrorist attacks would be remembered with a commemorative holiday in Illinois, under legislation advanced this week by the Illinois Senate, according to State Senator Christine Radogno.

The measures were all advanced to third reading—the point in the legislative process when lawmakers vote on the bills. Senator Radogno says citizens have every right to know when their drinking water is not safe. Senate Bill 2072 requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to notify the public about contaminated water by radio, television, or newspapers. It will also require notice to the appropriate local governments to encourage further citizen notification.

Senate Bill 1531 designates September 11 as a commemorative holiday and a school study day. It allows the Secretary of State to sell special September 11 license plates, the proceeds of which will aid victims of terrorism and local governments in preparing and preventing future acts of terrorism.

Other bills advanced to third reading this week by the Senate include: School speed zones (SB 1808), Consumer fraud (SB 2160), Handicapped parking (SB 1530), Liquor distributors (SB 2052), Airport improvements (SB 1556), Energy savings (SB 1565), Theft (SB 1577), National Guard (SB 1583), and Fire Sprinklers (SB 1622).

Heroic police officers receive FOP award

Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge #7 President William Nolan recently awarded the Life Saving Award to four police officers.

Police officers Kevin White, Patricia Kane, Eric Elkins and Thomas Krob responded to a fire at 1452 W. 71st St. and observed two residential structures completely engulfed in flames. As they learned that both of the structures were occupied, they immediately began to take action.

They rushed to the rescue and began knocking out the first floor windows in an attempt to locate the occupants. After initially being turned

away from the intense heat and smoke, the officers attempted to gain entry via another entrance.

Entering the gangway between the two structures they were met by a wall of flames, but were able to hear knocking coming from one of the structures. An occupant was unsuccessfully trying to exit through a bedroom window so the officers utilized their batons and broke open the window.

The victim was then assisted away from the rushing flames and taken to a safe area. With complete disregard for their own safety, these officers then entered

the second structure and located a resident sleeping soundly in her bed totally unaware of the present danger. After waking the victim she was carried out of the burning structure and also led to safety.

President Nolan stated, "Due to the quick and heroic response of officers White, Kane, Elkins and Krob, their courageous actions during a life threatening situation, the occupants were saved from certain peril. It is with great pride that the F.O.P. award these fine officers with the Life Saving Award."



Patricia Kane (holding her Life Saving Award) is congratulated by her family: (back row daughter Maria, son Robert holding granddaughter Amber, son-in-law Steve, daughter Joanna holding grandson Stevie, husband Michael and son Timothy. (Front row) Granddaughter Amy, daughters Stephanie and Samantha.

Homer Glen celebrates one year of incorporation

After several failed attempts to pass a public vote to incorporate, Homer Glen finally passed the incorporation referendum in April of 2001 with 66% of the vote. Homer Glen became a town on April 17, 2001 when a Will County Circuit Court judge certified the results of

the election and appointed the board of trustees.

On the eve of their new town's first birthday, founding trustees Laurel Ward and Gail Snyder will join Village Clerk Christine Luttrell in giving an update to the League of Women Voters of Palos/Orland. The meeting is

open to the public and will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at 9:30 am in the Palos Heights Recreation Center located at 6601 W. 127th St.

For more information, please contact Merna Trotter at (708) 532-0184.

Computer class for seniors at Evergreen Pk. High School

Evergreen Park High School is hosting a computer class for senior citizens, a one on one class taught by Lions Quest teens in the Computer Learning Center.

Classes will be held on

Wednesdays from April 10 to May 15 2p.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$10 Register at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St. Class size is limited.

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Vintage Cartoons at Saint Xavier University.

The SXU Film Series will present Vintage Cartoons on Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in McGuire Hall, Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103 Street, Chicago. Admission is free. Back before cartoons

were all about exploding robots and commercial tie-ins. directors like Chuck Jones crafted classics that teased the adult brain and pleased the inner child as well. Join us for an evening of classic

cartoons: Bugs and Daffy, Mighty Mouse, and maybe even Felix the Cat. For more information, please call 773-298-3316.

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(NAPS)—For parents who prefer to let their children walk in a walker before they're able to walk on their own, a recent invention may help the problem. The Walk-Around Rotating Walker, manufactured by Evenflo, rotates on a stationary leg using the "Stay Put" gripper that secures the walker in one place so children can play and walk safely in a controlled area. For more information on walker alternatives, visit www.evenflo.com or call 1-800-233-5921.



Each year more than 43 million people relocate. They get a new home, but often lose their old neighborhood network of contacts, including healthcare providers. To help, the Academy of General Dentistry, an organization of general dentists dedicated to continuing education, provides resources for those looking for a new dentist: By calling 1-877-2X-A-YEAR toll-free, callers connect with three Academy general dentists. By visiting www.agd.org, consumers can find a dentist and search 300 oral health topics.

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By Kathy Whirity

Ah! The return to peace and quiet. Such a welcomed relief. Has it really been only a week since we stood anxiously waiting at the front door to welcome the kids home from college?

What greeted our open arms that first day of Spring break was an avalanche of dirty clothes—which left me wondering what happened to all the quarters I consistently donated to their laundry funds.

Isn't it funny how time can change your perspective on things? Take for instance the difference between sending your babies off to college for the first time and welcoming them home for Spring break. When children fly the coop to choose freedom of a college campus, it is heartbreak mixed with a bit of parental panic.

We make sure that they have everything from stamps to socks, phone cards, to baggies filled with quarters (which don't get used for laundry), and enough snacks to keep a mini-mart well stocked.

Our hearts are heavy, our little nest is empty, and for a few days we sulk in silence.

But, we parents, we're pros at adapting to change.

We surprise ourselves at how quickly we regain our sanity, and over dinner for two one might reach for each other's hand, look at each other and say, "Hey, I remember you!" In the quiet of a second honeymoon mentality we discover that middle age can be blissful. But, wouldn't you know, just when we thought we were cruising on the highway of love, Spring break rolls around.

The house was cleaned and organized in anticipation of spending quality time together as a family. Oh, but aren't we parents a hopeful bunch!

The house was a buzz with not one but two college coeds, doubling the chaos, doubling the fun.

Their dad filled the gas tank, took it for a spin through the car wash, and bid his pride and joy a fond farewell, for he knew it would be awhile before he'd be in the driver's seat. For one week our home seemed to have a revolving door that never closed, a frig door that was constantly open and a phone that never stopped ringing. It hasn't been easy but we're learning to have a sense of humor when dealing with "independent" college kids who have one hand on our wallets and the other on the car keys.

The insanity of Spring break is only a temporary condition. And, though we do miss them terribly, in between visits, we know our kids never leave us. Summer vacation is right around the corner. For a few carefree months we'll bid adieu to the serenity of our empty nest, when the kids come home to rule the roost.

Ah, but have no fear, amid the short term anarchy is the anticipation that soon their dad and I will once again enjoy a leisurely dinner for two, and as we reach for each other's hand, our thoughts will be the same: "So...where were we?"

Teen Summer Camp

Teens, are you sick of having nothing to do during those long, hot summer days? Everyone knows you're too cool for day camp. How would you like to join a camp just for your age group? This camp will have awesome activities and trips. This isn't your typical camp.

Teen camp will meet at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, in the "Teen Room." The dates for the camp are: June 17-June 21, June 24-June 28, July 8-July 12, and July 15-July 19. They will meet Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information call the Park Office at 708-342-4200.

Oak Lawn Library employees honored

Fourteen long-term library employees were recently honored for years of service in five year increments.

5 years: Peggy Butcher,

Administration, Cindy Kelly, Periodicals, Jennifer Lechert, Reference Services and Harriet O'Malley, Fiction Services.

10 years: Anne Curran, Fiction Services, Mary Dunne-back, Reference Services, Al Fournier, Building Services, Janet Goetz, Technical Services, Linda Olsen, Administration and Louise Pfeiffer, Periodicals.

15 years: Carol Arndt, Patron Services, Palma Elmazi, Building Services and Judith McMahon, Youth Services.

Nancy Rendek, Reference Services was honored for 25 years of service.

The Pit Stop

The Pit Stop, the new Senior Drop-In Center of the Tinley Park-Park District is looking for new members to join in the fun. Join us for friendship, arts and crafts, seminars, holiday parties, cards, Bingo, and more!

Seniors age 60 and over are encouraged to take part in this fun and exciting program. The yearly fee to join is \$10. You can register at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center at 8125 W. 171st Street. Call 708-532-8698 for more information.

Tot Time Program

Beginning March 1, Tinley Park residents may register for three and four year old preschool classes for the 2002-2003 school year. September 2002 through May 2003. Non-resident registration begins April 1, 2002.

Three year old classes are available: Tuesday and Thursday (morning or afternoon) \$454 for residents and \$680 for non-residents. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (morning) \$908 for residents and \$1020 for non-residents.

Four year old classes are available: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (morning or afternoon) \$680 for residents and \$1020 for non-residents. Monday through Thursday (afternoon) \$908 for residents and \$1362 for non-residents.

The Tinley Park-Park District offers 12 Tot Time Classes for the 2002-2003 school year. Registration forms are available in the Winter/Spring Brochure, or at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 708-532-8698.



From left to right, "Haiku" cast members Jenna Shattuck, who played "Billie," Kate Looby who played "Louise," and Laura Rook who played "Neil."

Richards Contest Play "Haiku"

The Contest Play from Richards High School in Oak Lawn won seventh place at the Illinois High School Association state finals on March 23 at Southeastern Illinois College. Only 12 productions from all of Illinois qualified for the state finals.

The play, "Haiku," also won IHSA sectional tournament at Waubesa Valley High School on March 16.

All three cast members were named to the Illinois High School Association all-state cast. The 12 produc-

tions qualifying for the state finals included 88 total cast members. Of these, only 18 were named to the all-state cast. Cast members of "Haiku" included Kate Looby, Laura Rook, and Jenna Shattuck. All three were named to the all-sectional cast.

"Haiku" was directed by English teacher Charles Palia. Contest Play is an IHSA-sanctioned competitive tournament judged by drama educators.

Moraine Valley raises tuition

Citing a reduction in state funding and increasing costs, the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees approved raising tuition by \$2 per credit hour each of the next three years at its March 20 meeting.

Tuition, which was last raised in 2000, will be \$51 per credit hour in 2002-2003. Including fees, the total cost will be \$56 per credit hour. Currently, Moraine Valley ranks 27th among the 39 Illinois community college districts in tuition rates. Most of the districts are also considering tuition increases for the fall.

Community colleges are

anticipating 3.5 percent less in state funding next year largely due to the downturn in the state's economy, while costs to ensure the college continues to provide quality programs, services and instruction to its students are anticipated to increase. State funding, property tax and tuition are three major sources of revenue for Moraine Valley.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeier, director of College and Community Relations, at 708-974-5275, or e m a i l : horstmeier@morainevalley.edu.

Eagle Eye Program

The Tinley Park-Park District, in cooperation with the Tinley Park Police Department, is introducing "Seemore," the mascot of their Eagle Eye Neighborhood Park Watch program to their residents. This program encourages residents who live nearby parks and park patrons to report incidents of vandalism, rowdiness, and misuse of park property and equipment. Since many children are regular park patrons, the Tinley Park-Park District is focusing much of their energy on educating the community's youth. Look for "Seemore" in the upcoming months in Tinley Park, spreading the word to keep our parks free of vandalism and safe for everyone! For information call Cathy at the Tinley Park-Park District at 708-342-4212.

Children's Flea Market

The Tinley Park-Park District will be hosting its Eleventh Annual Children's Flea Market on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. till Noon at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street. Children ages 4-12 may rent a table for \$11. Shop for bargains in toys and games! Free admission. For information, call 708-532-8698.

Summer Day Camp

Join the Tinley Park-Park District for a fun and exciting experience at Summer Day Camp! Program activities include games, sports, crafts, special events, theme days, swimming and weekly field trips.

Two sessions are offered. Sessions begin June 17 and runs through August 9. Day camp operates five days a week. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Also offered is Sunrise to Sunset Camp for those who need extended hours before or after our regular day camp. The A.M. session is 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and the P.M. session is 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To register, please contact the Park Office, 8125 W. 171st Street or call 708-342-4200 for camp fees and more information.



Raffle makes wishes come true for local children

The key to granting wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses also happens to start the engine of a 2002 Chevy TrailBlazer. Tickets go on sale April 1 for the "Key to a Child's Wish" 2002 Chevy TrailBlazer raffle benefiting Make-A-Wish of Northern Illinois. This promotion is one of the single largest fundraisers for Make-A-Wish in this area, and is made possible by a generous donation by Philips Chevrolet in Frankfort. This will be a limited raffle with just 2,000 tickets printed and sold at \$50 each. The goal of the program is to raise \$100,000. The winner will be selected July 11 at a Philips Chevrolet celebration. Raffle tickets for the brand new Chevy TrailBlazer can be purchased at Philips Chevrolet at U.S. 30 and Rt. 45 in Frankfort or by phone at (312) 943-8956 ext. 52 beginning April 1. Interested parties may also email jimenez@wishes.org to receive an order form. Pictured is Curtis Pascarella, president of Philips Chevrolet, and Wish Child Carolyn Perry of Harwood Heights.

St. Francis Hospital breaks ground for expansion and renovation project

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center and others gathered for speeches, tributes and commentary on March 21, 2002 for the Groundbreaking Celebration for the expansion and renovation of the hospital.

This \$33.6 million renovation and expansion project will include 140,000 square feet of new and renovated existing space. The exterior design will involve a three level addition to the hospital, which will actually be two stories above ground in addition to expanding the Mezzanine level. The front of the hospital will be built out to where the sidewalk is now located in Gregory Street. The interior design will involve three major areas to be enhanced and expanded within the hospital (the Emergency Department, Cardiac Services, and the Surgery/Endoscopy Department). Completion of the project is scheduled for Fall of 2003.

In addition to the above services, areas on the first floor that will be expanded included the Lobby, Center

for Patient Service, Pastoral Care, Chapel, and the Gift Shop. A new woman's center will be added that will provide such services as mammography screenings, ultrasound, bone densitometry, and massage therapy.

The second floor expansion will include a Lobby, Family Waiting and Resource Center, Pre-Op, Same Day Recovery, and Pre-Admission Testing areas.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center is located at 12935 S. Gregory Street in Blue Island.

Marist names head basketball coach

Mr. Larry Tucker, Principal of Marist High School, recently announced the appointment of Mary Pat Connolly as Head Girls' Basketball Coach. Connolly is a 1979 graduate of the University of Illinois and has coached basketball at such schools as Marian Catholic High School, University of

Oak Lawn students bring home top scores in solo and ensemble contest

Congratulations to the band students of Saint Paul Lutheran School, Oak Lawn, who participated in the Solo and Ensemble Contest held recently at Luther South High School. In a stunning display of talent and effort, the students in grades 4th through 7th listed below, all received the top rating of "1."

Grade 4:
Allen Dale Smock - Alto Saxophone Solo

Grade 5:
Bobby Bandemer - French Horn Solo

Elizabeth Brooks - Clarinet Solo

Bobby Musolino - Alto Saxophone Solo
George Owen - Baritone Solo

Grade 6:
Nick Kuntzman - Trumpet Solo

Erin Moeller - Alto Saxophone Solo & Duet
Christa Newren - Clarinet Solo

Stephanie Oberbeck - Alto Saxophone Solo & Duet
Matt Small - Snare Drum Solo

Grade 7:
Sarah Gensch - Flute Solo
Eric Jaraczewski - Tenor Saxophone Solo
Jessica Mandac - Flute Solo

Saint Paul band director, Mrs. Martha Moeller, explained that the individual student or duet performances were graded on accuracy, rhythm, intonation, workmanship, appearance, and posture. The top rating of "1" (one) was a compilation of their scores by a qualified judge.

Only 200 tickets will be sold and all must be prepaid. To purchase your tickets, stop by the Our Lady of Loretto Rectory or call 708-424-7471.

Mystery theatre at Our Lady of Loretto

Our Lady of Loretto Dinner Theatre

Our Lady of Loretto Dinner Theatre presents "A 1940s Gangster Mystery" at Ronayne Hall. Join us for dinner and for our mystery theatre on April 19, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Illinois, Moraine Valley Community College, and Maria High School. Connolly was also a professional basketball player with the Chicago Hustle of the Women's Basketball League.

Mary Pat Connolly has most recently been the Head Coach for the Girl's Varsity Basketball Team at Carl Sandburg High School. Chuck Schwarz, Marist Athletic Director said, "We are excited to have someone at Marist with such a strong basketball background." Connolly was named Skyway Conference Coach at the Year in 1996-97 and 1997-98.

Connolly said, "I feel both honored and excited to have been chosen the first Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach. It will be a unique opportunity to develop a program from the ground up and hopefully establish a winning tradition in the girls' game at Marist!"

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Marian Catholic High School exels at math competition

Marian Catholic junior Andrew O'Brien-Penney (Homewood) recently qualified for state competition at the University of Illinois in April following Math Team success in the Regional Competition at Chicago State. Meanwhile, freshman Mary Zuidema (Homewood) and sophomore Steve Tortorello (Tinley Park) earned a third place in the Freshman/Sophomore two-person competition.


Illinois Virtual Campus frontrunner

Moraine Valley ranks seventh among the state's higher education institutions in online enrollment.

There were 1,250 students enrolled in Moraine Valley's Virtual College via the Internet during the 2000-2001 academic year, according to the Illinois Virtual Campus.

Community college students accounted for 62 percent of Illinois college students enrolled in Internet courses. Public universities accounted for 27 percent of online enrollment, and independent colleges and universities accounted for 11 percent.

Currently, the Illinois Virtual Campus lists 72 programs that can be completed entirely via the Internet—one professional degree program, 16 master degree programs, six bachelor degree programs, 10 associate degree programs, 37 certificate programs, and two continuing education programs. For more information, call Josh Reinhart, 708-974-5742 or email reinhardt@morainevalley.edu.



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Irish Cultural Program

Governor George H. Ryan sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Irish Cultural Program at the James R. Thompson Center. Governor Ryan thanked the Shannon Rovers Pipe Band for their excellent performance. Pictured from left to right, front row: St. Patrick's Day Parade Chairman George M. Sullivan, Parade Queen Megan Connelly, Governor Ryan and Shannon Rovers Pipe Band.

Queen of Peace announces Illinois State Scholars

Twenty-six seniors from Queen of Peace High School were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Students ranking in the top 10 percent of Illinois' high school graduating seniors are named Illinois State Scholars based on their ACT scores and class rank. Peace students recognized were Christina Aiello, Stephanie Baker, Dana Bennecke,

Ashley Ceno, Nicole Doig, Alicia Gardas, Meghan Hayes, Patricia Hentgen, Rebecca Hodorowicz, and Mariola Janik.

Also named were Lauren Joyce, Kathryn Kazecki, Joanna Krolikowski, Meghan Lahart, Leann Mack, Laura Murczek, Kristen North, Kristen Okrzesik, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Erin Ramsden.

Also recognized were Lisette Rodriguez, Kaitlin Shine, Meghan Sullivan, Jessica Tyrus, Aleksandra Wojda, and Marilyn Zuniga.

Harlem Irving Companies may bring Barnes & Noble and Target to Frankfort

Recently, representatives from respected commercial developer Harlem Irving Companies appeared at a public workshop to introduce the concept of bringing the highly desirable retail stores Target and Barnes & Noble to the village. This workshop was the first of a series of public meetings that will occur over the next few months to garner feedback from the community and village officials about the project. The retail center looks to make its home at the northeast and northwest corners of Route 30 and 93rd, respectively.

Richard D. Filler, Director of Development for developer The Harlem Irving Companies and Bill Zanoni, site Development Manager for Target, presented a PowerPoint slideshow and coordinated a discussion that summarized the proposed

retail center. Included in the slideshow were tentative design plans showing an overall site plan (see attached project summary), estimated square footage of each of the anchors and other potential retail space, parking calculations, architectural renderings, and interior and exterior photos of Target.

Our primary goal at this first workshop is to let residents of Frankfort know that we are here to work with them," said Filler. Together with Target, we have a long history of constructing popular retail centers with just the right look and feel. We look forward to doing the same for Frankfort."

According to Filler, the Shops of Frankfort will be designed specifically to blend in with Frankfort's unique rural, small-town characteristics, emphasizing

nature and natural building materials like brick with stone accents. The center will also offer an architectural flow of building setbacks and rooflines that is absolutely contrary to the typical "box-like" structure of strip-malls in cookie-cutter suburbs. Surrounding landscaping such as a gazebo and walkways with inset planters will create a unique retail experience.

The date for the second workshop has not yet been scheduled.

For over 50 years, Harlem Irving Companies has been responsible for bringing strategic commercial development to the Chicagoland and surrounding areas. The company is well known for its close relationships with popular retailers such as Target, Jewel, Costco, Expo, and Home Depot. Respected for

its distinctive commercial design and property management, Harlem Irving Companies has developed thriving centers such as Harlem Irving Plaza in Norridge, Deerfield Depot in Deerfield, Dunning Square in Chicago, Northlake Commons in Northlake, North and Ninth Shopping Center in Melrose Park, Lincoln Park Commons in Chicago, Twin Ponds Marketplace in Crystal Lake, and more. The company is currently in the process of developing University Village, University of Illinois, Chicago campus.

Harlem Irving Companies is located at 4104 North Harlem Avenue in Chicago. For additional information, visit the company's website at www.harlemirving.com.

Easy Bacon Cheesburger meatloaf is a winner

It was more than beginner's luck that earned Carolyn Collins of Freeport, Texas, the \$1,000 First Prize in the "Easy, Everyday Favorites" category of the 11th annual Quaker Oatmeal "Bake it Better with Oats" Recipe Contest. *Bacon Cheesburger Meatloaf* impressed the judges with its creative twist on a quintessential burger, fun presentation, easy preparation and great taste.

Collins, who enjoys cooking for relaxation, had just started entering recipe contests last August when she found the Quaker contest announcement on the Internet. A regular user of oats when preparing meatloaf, she worked for weeks creating recipes to enter. First, she'd test them on her son. She'd make changes, if necessary, then try the recipe again and take it to family gatherings for her nieces and nephews

to taste and critique.

Bacon Cheesburger Meatloaf was the first recipe that all of her family members declared a winner, and the first of 11 recipes Collins entered into the contest. Featuring a classic combination of ground beef, whole grain oats, onions and tomato sauce, the meat mixture is patted into a 13x9-inch baking pan to create a thin rectangular meatloaf. Collins finds that the quick and old fashioned oats work equally well to keep the meatloaf moist without masking the other flavors in the recipe.

Collins carries out the burger theme by first spreading the meatloaf with a "secret sauce" before cutting into individual servings. Each serving is then topped with cheddar cheese, cooked bacon and sliced tomatoes while still in the pan. A couple of minutes under the broiler melts the cheese to

perfection.

1 1/2 lbs 85% lean ground beef
1 cup Quaker oats
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1 egg, beaten
1 8oz. can tomato sauce
1/2 tsp. black pepper

SECRET SAUCE

1/3 cup mayonnaise
2 tblsp. catsup

TOPPINGS

8 large slices cheddar cheese
8 strips thick-sliced bacon, cooked
2 medium tomatoes, sliced
8 hamburger buns

Heat oven to 350. Spray a 13x9 inch metal baking pan with cooking spray

For meatloaf, combine all meatloaf ingredients in large bowl, mix lightly but thor-

oughly; press mixture evenly into pan.

Bake 30-35 minutes or until meatloaf reaches medium doneness and center is no longer pink. Drain off juices, heat broiler,

Combine secret sauce ingredients in a small bowl; mix well. Spread over hot meatloaf, completely covering; cut meatloaf into 8 rectangles. (Do not remove from pan). Top each rectangle with cheese, 2 half pieces bacon and tomato slices.

Broil meatloaf 5-6 inches from heat source 2-3 minutes or until cheese melts. Serve, if desired, on buns.

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St. Laurence Cheerleaders win State Championship

The St. Laurence High School Cheerleaders captured the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) State Championship for Small Varsity in competition held at the Springfield Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield on March 9, 2002. The St. Laurence Cheerleaders are coached by Colleen Finn and Jenny Sears, assistant coach. Pictured here are the members of the Varsity Cheerleading Team along with the state trophy and numerous other trophies garnered this past year: (back row, left to right) Kristan DeMas (Queen of Peace), Gina Barraco (Mother McAuley), Kelly Cunningham (Mother McAuley), Dana Porrevecchio (Queen of Peace), Kelly Hayes (Queen of Peace), Colleen O'Ryan (Mother McAuley); (front row, left to right) Mary Ferron (Mother McAuley), Ann McGuire (Mother McAuley), Meghan Lahart (Queen of Peace), Renee DiNovo (Mother McAuley), and Anne Knightly (Mother McAuley).

Greeley to speak at Saint Xavier

Reverend Andrew Greeley will present a lecture entitled "Facts About American Catholicism" at Saint Xavier University on Tuesday, April 9. Father Greeley will lecture and sign his books at a reception immediately following.

The lecture begins at 7pm in McGuire Hall's Warde Academic Center at 3700 W. 103rd Street in Chicago. Admission is free and open to the public.

A native of Chicago, Father Greeley is a priest, distinguished sociologist and bestselling author. He is a

professor of social sciences at the University of Chicago and the University of Arizona. He received the Licentiate of Sacred Theology in 1954 from the St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and his M.A. in 1961 and Ph.D. in 1962 from the University of Chicago.

Father Greeley is the author of 30 bestselling novels, as well as a column that is featured in many newspapers, as well as the autobiography, "Confessions of a Parish Priest".

For more information, call (773)298-3900.

McDonald's offers "tax relief" with discount burgers

Tax payers will receive much needed relief when McDonald's restaurants in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana offer tax payers two different sandwiches at a discount price for one day only. On Monday, April 15, customers can purchase McDonald's hamburgers for 29 cents and cheeseburgers for 39 cents. There will be a limit of five sandwiches per customer, per visit, during lunch and dinner hours.

"A day like this reinforces our philosophy of providing value to our McDonald's customers," said Larry Kosanovich, president of McDonald's Owners of

Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. "It also reinforces the fun experience that everyone can have at McDonald's restaurants. And, after all, this is always a day people traditionally feel they have only a few cents left in their pockets—at least we can help them buy dinner!"

McDonald's Owners of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana consists of 460 restaurants stretching from Zion to Watseka and Princeton to Michigan City, Indiana. As part of its ongoing community efforts, McDonald's supports various charitable and educational programs.

"Business After Hours" at St. James Hospital

St. James Hospital and Health Centers will host Southland Chamber's April Business After Hours.

St. James Hospital and Health Centers of Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields will host the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Business After Hours will be held at the St. James and Wellness Institute, 100 W. 197 Place, Chicago Heights.

Individuals are invited to enjoy cocktails and refreshments in a relaxed networking atmosphere while they learn more about St. James' services and health programs.

Admission cost to the BAH, which is open to the business community, is \$5 for Chamber members and \$10 for non-members. Admission fee is payable at the door.

For reservations or further information, contact the Chamber office at 708-957-6950.

Exciting things coming to the Museum of Science of Industry

The Museum of Science & Industry has revised its free day schedule. Free days are now June 3-4, 2002, and Mondays and Tuesdays from August 19-December 17.

Now Open:

SCIENCE OF SUPER-CROC March 15-May 27, 2002. Witness one of the fiercest prehistoric rivalries when two of the world's largest predators meet face to face for the first time in 110 million years! *Science of SuperCroc* created by Project Exploration and presented by Gatorade, displays a life-size skeleton and most complete fossil skull of the world's largest croc ever found. In this 4,000 square-foot exhibit, University of Chicago paleontologist Dr. Paul Sereno and the Museum of Science & Industry recreate the ancient world of *Sarcosuchus imperator*, the 40-foot long monster crocodile and its 36-foot long foe, *Suchomimus tenerensis*, a fearsome, flesh-eating predatory dinosaur. SuperCroc's 6-foot long jaws and more than 130 teeth made the gigantic reptile hungry for just about anything! This extraordinary crocodilian grew to be as long as a city bus, lived for as long as a century, and

weighed approximately 17,500 pounds—that's eight times bigger than today's heaviest living crocodile.

Genetics: Decoding Life examines the role that genes and genetic technology play in our daily lives and future potential of genetic science. This 7,000 square foot exhibit invites visitors to discover complex and exciting interplay between their genes and environmental clues that produce new life.

Henry Crown Space Center Omnimax Now Showing:

MYSTERIES OF EGYPT open through April 19. This film transports audiences to a distant time and place where the Nile River Valley cut an emerald path through desert sands. With a dedicated team of scientists, *Mysteries of Egypt* explores these magnificent edifices and the civilization that built them, bringing their wonder to life.

THE HUMAN BODY through June 30. Through techniques such as

endoscopy and magnetic resonance imaging, this groundbreaking film provides microscopic views of the human anatomy that make you see yourself in a whole new light.

SPACE STATION opens April 19. Travel 220 miles above Earth at 17,500 miles per hour to experience *Space Station*. This spectacular film chronicles the construction of the Space Station, considered to be the greatest engineering feat since man landed on moon.

Fun-filled Events:

GET A TASTE OF SCIENCE! The Education Department is continuing a brand new group of workshops called "A Taste of Science Workshops". These workshops are designed for children aged 1-3 and their caregivers or children in grades 4-6. Call Alyson Naimoli at (773)684-9844 ex. 2273.

COLOR & LIGHT II exciting hands-on activities for grades 4-6 about water

optics, periscopes, and experiments with white light. Child museum member fee is \$10, non-member is \$15, adult/caregiver free, limit one per child.

SCIENCE SNOOZEUM

The Education Department is continuing its Snoozeum Program where student youth groups can explore the Museum after dark and even spend the night! Science Snoozeum includes fun-filled science activities, a late-night snack, a complimentary breakfast, and a one-of-a-kind Snoozeum patch. The Science Snoozeum at the Museum is designed especially for organized youth groups of at least 10 individuals, with children aged 7-12. One adult chaperone must accompany every five children. Call the Snoozeum Hotline at (773)684-9844.

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Oak Lawn church has spring rummage sale

You know Spring has arrived when Oak Lawn Trinity Lutheran Church announces the dates of its Spring Rummage Sale. This year the Sale will be held Tuesday, April 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bag Day will be Thursday, September 25, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Everything that can be stuffed in a brown paper bag can be purchased for only \$2.

Bargains available including clothing for all ages, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, furniture, and much, much more. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 9701 South Brandt Avenue in Oak Lawn.



The Fireside presents - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

One of the funniest musicals ever written is currently underway at The Fireside Dinner Theatre. Stephen Sondheim's *A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM* is living up to its reputation for laughs, proving to be the runaway hit of the season. "Everyone's loving it," reports Fireside owner Rick Klopke. "From the High School groups right on through the seniors. If you need a good laugh (and who doesn't) you can't afford to miss this sparkling new production of a smash Broadway musical."

Winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical, this show is just plain fun. From the opening song the cast is off and running at breakneck pace through this sidesplitting Roman romp filled with conniving slaves, star-crossed young lovers, comely courtesans, philan-

dering husbands, hen pecking wives, befuddled officers, mistaken identities, hilarious disguises, chases and plots. It is true to its great Sondheim lyrics, "Tragedy tomorrow, comedy tonight!"

According to Director Flesch, "This production boasts one of the finest casts of actors, comedians, singers and dancers that The Fireside has ever assembled." Musical Direction is by Paul Hamilton with Choreography by Kate Swan. The set design is by Rick Rasmussen with costumes by Costume World and Dawna Oak, and lighting by Joseph Buberger, Jr.

The Fireside is located on Business Hwy 26 on the south side of Fort Atkinson and includes several gift shoppes with an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and gifts for all ages and occasions.

10225 S. Harlem. Period clothes are encouraged.

Donation for this "dress to excess" event is \$8, which includes snacks, dance demos, door prizes, and a cash raffle. A free line-dance lesson is included at 7:30 (doors open at 7:15).

All are welcome to join in on the fun! Musical styling will be provided by deejay Mr. Norman. For more information, please contact the South Side Club Hotline at (708)388-JUMP.

Jitterbug Club is Puttin' on the Ritz

The Windy City South Side Jitterbug Club cordially invites you to dig out your best duds and join their black tie event. *Puttin' on the Ritz*, on Saturday, April 13th from 8pm-12:30 am at the Glendora House Ballroom at

FORUM will be performed nine times weekly Wednesday through Sunday. Dining is required for all performances with a variety of menu choices depending upon when you attend. For tickets or additional information, call 1-800-477-9505, write to The Fireside at PO Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, or check out the www.firesidetheatre.com.

Dear Editor

I wish to thank the voters of the 28th District for their successful support of my

Neil Simon play at Tinley Theatre Guild

The Tinley Park Theatre Guild has announced the cast for their production of Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, the hilarious comedy that will be presented at the Audion Theatre in Tinley Park High School April 27 & 28 and May 3-5.

The show is a memoir of Simon's days as a joke writer for Sid Caesar's famed "Your Show of Shows" program. During the salad days of the early 1950's, Simon worked with the likes of Mel Brooks, Woody Allen, and Larry Gelbart of "M.A.S.H." fame.

The cast includes: Tony

Mozart's Marriage of Figaro at Saint Xavier

You don't have to go to the Met to enjoy great Opera. Saint Xavier's annual opera workshop will feature Mozart's popular work, *The Marriage of Figaro*. The production will be a fully staged and costumed performance presented in English translation.

Two performances will be held, on Saturday April 6 at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 7 at 3pm in McGuire Hall at the Warde Academic Center at the campus on 103rd Street in Chicago.

The cast of SXU students

candidacy in the March 19, 2002 Primary Election.

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Dear Editor:

Not since the TV-sitcom "Car 54, Where Are You!" have the police been so ridiculed as on some recent TV commercials.

The McDonald's commercials show a policeman being very dense mentally and his partner humoring him. They pull out from the parking lot in their patrol car with french fries and a drink on the car's roof, and the dense policeman wondering where was his food.

includes Thomas McNichols of Evergreen Park, Melissa Beslic of Oak Lawn, Michelle Glionotti of Chicago Heights, Lee VanSickle of Evergreen Park and Kathryn Swen, of Evergreen Park.

Proceeds from the Opera Workshop go toward scholarships for Saint Xavier music students. Tickets are available in advance through the Music Department at \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens. Please call (773)298-3421.

Another TV commercial is for the Chevy Impala. The police are in a car chase, and stop and change the flat tire of the criminal's car, so that the chase could continue.

These are not the images of police officers that we want to project. I would have thought there would have been an outcry by now by police officers and their unions for how the police are being portrayed in TV commercials. I know that I em-

Beverly Theatre Guild's

The Beverly Theatre Guild is pleased to announce the cast for the Chicago-based comedy "Bleacher Bums": Richard J. Bucchi (Zig), William Egan and Tom Fagan (Greg), Ed Fudacz (Decker), Glenn Hering (Announcer), Susan Kosvick-Andrews (Melody), Warren Miller (Richie), John A. Neuman (Cheerleader) and Choch Zaper (Rose).

Performances will be held at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street in Chicago on Friday April 26 and Saturday April 27th at 8pm and Sunday April 28th at 2pm. Phone (312)409-2705 for more information.

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Opening night is Friday, April 12. The prices for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday matinee: show only \$21; dinner and show \$34. Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday matinee: show only \$26; dinner and show \$46. Young adult ticket (12 years and younger) only \$12. Tuesday matinees and selected Wednesday evening performances for Hollywood on Ice only. Visit www.DruryLane.com or call Leann Walsh at 708-422-0404 ext. 147, or email: Producer80@aol.com for ticket information.

Open mike at Acorn Library

The Muse of Acorn Library, 15624 Central Avenue, Oak Forest, will hold an Open Mike on Sunday, April 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anyone may come to read his or her poetry or prose in public, and anyone may attend as a supporter or observer. There is no charge. Muse meetings are on the

second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., on the lower level of the Acorn Public Library. All poets and writers are welcome. There is no membership fees. Please bring 15-20 copies of your work to be shared (and critiqued if you wish) to the meetings.

The invariable mark of wisdom is to see the miraculous in the common.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Question: I don't have insurance, so I haven't been to the dentist in a few years. Nothing hurts, so do I really need a checkup?

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Dr. Hogg is a 1984 Honors graduate of the University of Illinois Dental School and former Clinical Instructor. He currently practices in Oak Lawn. Hours are available by appointment at (708)422-1900. Copyright UMDI 2001.

Travelogue on Venice at Chicago Ridge Library

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford Avenue, will sponsor "Venice—The Queen of the Adriatic," a travelogue by Al and Gail Popowits on Wednesday, April 17, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The Popowits' have been tour

leaders and taught travel courses as well as given numerous slide presentations throughout the Chicago area. Follow Al and Gail through the canals of Venice during this slide presentation. After numerous visits, the couple has come to appreci-

ate the unique character of Venice and will present its fascinating history, life style, and manners. To register for the event, stop by the Circulation desk or call 708-423-7753. There is no charge to attend the program.

Dr. Jerry L. Old to address Prosperity Club

Join club members and guests on Wednesday, May 22 for a most enjoyable afternoon with Dr. Jerry Old, author of the best selling book "Vintage People—The Secret of Successful Aging." Dr. Old's presentations are delivered with humor, energy, and true anecdotes from his medical practice. The message is positive and motivational, demonstrating that at any age, the best in life is yet to be. Jerry's stories are sure to tickle your funny bone.

Dr. Old has won several awards including the Toastmaster's International Award. His credits include a local radio talk show and

published articles in medical journals. Dr. Old and his wife Kristi are joining our group for this special event all the way from Arkansas City, Arkansas.

Jerry is a Board Certified Family Physician in private practice in Arkansas City. He is clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, former chief of staff at South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center, and is a highly sought after speaker on the subject of aging in America. Advance Bank and the Prosperity Club are honored to have such a distinguished author and doctor as

an entertainment speaker at one of the Club's luncheons.

Prior to the program, you will enjoy a delicious luncheon at the Orland Chateau, their very famous Orland Chateau Stuffed Pork Chops. Cost for this delightful program is \$25 for members; \$30 for guests. A cash bar will be available. Cocktails 11:30 a.m., Luncheon 12:00 noon, Dr. Jerry Old 1:30 p.m. For further information and reservations, please call Jan Haffner or Linda Koblack at the Advance Bank Prosperity Club offices, 708-647-2088 or 2089.

Discussion Groups at Oak Lawn Library

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September-May at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, in the Conference Room. Reading material is available in advance and all are welcome to join.

A short story discussion group meets every second Wednesday at 1 pm. They will meet April 10 to discuss "The Very Rigid Search" by Jonathon Safran Foer and May 8 for "Bernice Bobs Her Hair" by F. Scott Fitzgerald and "Soldier's Home" by Ernest Hemingway.

A book discussion group meets every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. They will meet April 24 to discuss "The Dubliners" by James Joyce and May 22 for "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver. These books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation desk, first floor.

Call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, at (708)422-4933 for more information.

Todd Hunt to speak to St. Fabian Phoenix Group

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group will present an evening with humorous speaker and communications expert Todd Hunt of The Hunt Company on Thursday, April 11.

Hunt will speak on "You thought I said WHAT? How to communicate better with family, friends, and co-workers".

The meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center at

7450 W. 83rd Street in Bridgeview. Doors will open at 7pm and the meeting will start at 8pm. Further information is available by calling Deacon Ken at (708)458-8923.



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Paramount Arts Centre presents a variety of entertainment this spring

The following events are scheduled at the Paramount Arts Centre, 23 E. Galena Blvd. in Aurora, during April. Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at (630)896-6666 or at any TicketMaster location. For a complete schedule of 2001-2002 Paramount events, visit the Centre's website at www.paramountarts.com.

"His Way" Starring Ron Hawking: April 3 & 4 at 3 pm, April 5 at 8pm, April 6 at 3 & 8 pm, and April 7 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$25 and \$20. Hawking pays tribute to Frank Sinatra, with such hits as "Lady is a Tramp", "New York, New York", and more as he takes audiences down memory lane to remember not only the man, but the music.

"The Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra" Sunday April 14 at 3pm, tickets are \$21. The legend and the music live on! Only this 19-member band plays the authentic arrangements of the original Glenn Miller Orchestra. Favorite

such as "Chattanooga Choo-Choo", "Tuxedo Junction", and "Moonlight Serenade" can be heard as well as many new selections. Don't miss it!

"Sleeping Beauty" Friday, April 19 at 7:30 pm, tickets are \$5. Missoula Children's Theatre presents its original adaptation of the classic fairy tale, complete with Fairy Godmothers and a dream come true! Featuring a cast of 50 local students, this rock n' roll fable will entertain children of all ages.

"The Odd Couple-The Female Version" Sunday, April 28 at 3 pm, tickets are \$35. Felix and Oscar have been transformed into Florence and Olive in Neil Simon's revised production, starring everyone's favorite Jeannie, Barbara Eden, a renowned stage actress Rita McKenzie. This production is continuing its national tour direct from smash box office runs in Chicago!

Susan Stroman's "contact" coming to Chicago

The Tony Award-winning Best Musical **contact**, directed and choreographed by the famed Susan Stroman and written by John Weidman, is coming to the Ford Center for the Performing Arts Oriental Theatre April 9-May 5, 2002.

contact took New York by storm, winning every major award including the Tony Award, Drama Desk Award, Outer Critics Circle Award and Drama League Award for Best Musical.

In **contact**, three sensual stories are told entirely through dance about people in the wild pursuit of love. **contact** is performed to a wide range of music—from Stephane Grappelli's rendition of Rodgers & Hart's "My Heart Stood Still", to pieces by Grieg, Tchaikovsky and Bizet, to Robert Palmer, Dean Martin, the Beach Boys and The Squirrel Nut Zippers—by a cast of 24 dancer/actors who captivate and seduce the audience.

When **contact** opened at New York's Lincoln Center

Theater, it was hailed by *Time Magazine* for "kicking the dust off a tired old Broadway."

contact's cast will feature Andrew Asnes, Aliane Bacquerot, Christopher Lee Body, Alan Campbell, Laura Catalano, Holly Cruikshank, Adam Dannheiser, Donna Dunmire, and Gert Franco.

Stroman is currently enjoying the wildly successful run of her current show, "The Producers", which swept the Tony Awards. Other credits include "big", "Steel Pier", and "Crazy for You".

Tickets for **contact** are on sale now at all Broadway In Chicago box offices or by phone at (312)902-1400 and at all Ticketmaster outlets. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (312)977-1710.

The show will perform Tuesdays-Thursdays and Sundays at 7:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and 2pm matinees on Wednesday, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from April 9-May 5.

Midwife nurses explains home birthing

With sunrise, contractions intensified. No longer able to sleep, she showered and they ate. This birthday consisted of contractions, walks, meals and rests with only those they asked to be there. She stayed home and a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) and doula arrived. Her vital signs, labor progress and baby's heart rate were monitored. Coping got tough. Tub soaking was relief. Pushing took great energy in any position. Slowly the head emerged. On her chest was placed and remained her baby sporting a warm towel and hat. Her partner cut the cord and she pushed out the afterbirth. Timidly the family met each other as the baby nursed and the birth attendants monitored.

Most low-risk women can birth at home; a family event not a medical procedure. Siblings can share in the wonder. Most insurance companies pay all or some of the cost. Physician consultation, emergency equipment, drugs, hospital transport, medical testing and interventions are available if needed.

A family can begin or enlarge in their own bed within a chosen circle of support and the safety net of trained birth attendants.

E-mail at
Annetteadixon@aol.com

Garden Club holds annual Marigold Sale

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood will hold their annual marigold flower sale during Garden Faire 2002, April 20 at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, at 3857 W. 111th Street. Sale time is from 10am-3pm.

The price is \$12 for a flat of 48 plants. A variety of garden-related vendors will showcase the latest in tools and garden wares.

Please call (773)429-1141 for more information.

Disney's *The Lion King* stampedes into Chicago in 2003

Disney's *"The Lion King"* has confirmed a new national tour premiering at the Cadillac Palace Theatre in Chicago in April 2003 for a limited engagement. It will be presented as part of the Broadway in Chicago series, with tickets for the first five months going on sale to the general public in Fall 2002.

"The Lion King" has been delighting audiences on Broadway and across the world," said producer Thomas Schumacher. "We are thrilled to launch a new production in this great theatre town."

Now in its fifth sold out year in New York at the New Amsterdam Theatre, *The Lion King* is the winner of six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, eight Drama Desk Awards, five Outer Critics Circle Awards, the New York Drama Critics award for Best Musical, the Evening Standards Award for the Theatrical Event of the Year, two Olivier Awards, a

Theatre World Awards, the Astaire Award for Outstanding Choreography, two Drama League Awards, and a Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album.

Director Julie Taymor became the first woman in Broadway history to win the Tony Award for Best Director of a musical. Taymor, along with Michael Curry, created hundreds of masks and puppets for the show. Choreography is by Garth Fagan, scenic designer is Richard Hudson, costume design is by Julie Taymor and lighting is by Donald Holder.

The book has been adapted by Roger Allers, who co-directed the animated film and Irene Mecchi, who co-wrote the screenplay. The score features Elton John's and Tim Rice's music from the animated film, along with three new songs by the famed composers. Additional musical material is by South African Lebo M., Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, Julie

Taymor, and Hans Zimmer.

The Lion King will begin performances in April 2003. Beginning in August 2002, Season Ticket Holders to the Broadway in Chicago series will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets to the production. Season ticket holders will see *The Lion King* in designated weeks of the engagement. Reservations for groups of 20 or more are now being accepted by calling (312)977-1710. Tickets for the first five months will go on sale to the general public in Fall 2002.

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Tips For Purchasing Estate Jewelry

(NAPS)—If your pulse quickens at the sight of an antique Victorian-era cameo, if an Art Nouveau pastel enamel and pearl pendant piques your nostalgic interest, or if a retro 14-karat gold bracelet seems irresistible, then you're part of the increasing number of those buying estate jewelry. From the bold geometric shapes of Art Deco to the lacy romanticism of the Edwardian style, estate jewelry offers a wide array of choices for the discerning collector. For those interested in uncommon designs and materials (and the occasional "good deal"), buying jewelry second-hand can be a rewarding experience—especially for the informed shopper.

The public's interest in estate jewelry has grown steadily over the last few decades, translating into increased sales at auctions and retail jewelry stores nationwide, according to professionals in this industry. Television programs dedicated to antiques and collectibles have further helped to fuel interest in estate jewelry.

By definition, estate jewelry is a term used loosely to mean any previously owned jewelry. The most sought after estate jewelry typically features fine workmanship and high quality stones, as well as one-of-a-kind pieces. To be dubbed "antique," a piece must be more than 100 years old.

"Because there is a limited supply and it's usually irreplaceable, (high-end) estate



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Interest in estate jewelry has increased. This art deco Cartier jabot brooch from the 1930's features carved mogul emeralds, rubies, and sapphire set in platinum with diamonds.

jewelry is often called the 'caviar of the jewelry business,' said Michael Kazanjian, chairman of Kazanjian Bros. Inc., a Beverly Hills, Calif. firm specializing in high-end estate jewelry. "These days, the public is more sophisticated about quality jewelry, and they want original pieces," said Kazanjian.

Elise Misiorowski, G.G., museum director for the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) in Carlsbad, Calif., said the profile of estate jewelry has grown as auctions became more popular. Through her research activities and book acquisitions in a previous position at the GIA Research Library, Misiorowski became widely known as an expert on estate jewelry.

When purchasing estate jewelry, Misiorowski advises checking for dents, deep scratches, or missing stones. This examination can be done with the naked eye, or by using a jeweler's loupe (a 10-power magnifier), which can be purchased inexpensively. If you're not that much of a "do-it-yourselfer," Misiorowski suggests finding a trained gemologist to examine the piece for you.

Misiorowski also recommends looking for evidence of repairs, such as unlikely solder joints. Be sure to ask for a receipt that includes a written description of the piece—including materials and approximate age. This is important, especially when getting an appraisal for insurance purposes. Finally, if a piece contains diamonds or gemstones, ask for an accompanying grading or identification report issued by an independent laboratory, such as the GIA Gem Trade Laboratory.

"Being armed with knowledge will definitely help you make better buying decisions," said Misiorowski.

Whether one appreciates estate jewelry for the fine workmanship, vintage styles, or good deals, it's wise to be educated before buying. For those looking to become even more savvy estate jewelry buyers, training in gems and gemology is available. Call GIA at 800-421-7250, ext. 4001, or go to www.gia.edu/education.

Learn about temper tantrums at Palos Community Hospital

At times many parents feel they are at wits end when their child has a temper tantrum episode. Temper tantrums range from the whining and the screaming to the kicking and hitting...and are just a part of growing up for most children.

In a free lecture by Kathryn Troy, M.D., a PCH board-certified pediatrician, learn about the reasons behind the attempts for attention, the tactics on how to respond, what to do once the episode is finished, and when a physician should get involved. There will be a question and answer session following the program.

The program is scheduled from 7-8 pm on Tuesday, April 9 at Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights. Space is limited and registration is required by calling (708)923-5880.

Joliet student on the path to the Olympics

Andrew Vernon of Joliet has been selected to train at the prestigious US Developmental Camp this summer to be held at Kent State University July 31-August 5, 2002.

The 15 year old is the middle-hitter for the Ultimate Volleyball Club and was selected during a recent Midwest regional invitational at Mother McAuley High School in Chicago. The try-out camp brought together many of the top players from across the Midwestern states.

Vernon, a sophomore at Joliet Township High School, has been a member of the Ultimate Volleyball Club at the SportsClub in Frankfort for the past club season.

Club coaching director Erin Lorenz says of the 6'6 player, "Andrew is a very tal-



Andrew Vernon

ented young player...we are proud of his development as a player, and we all hope he can lead us to the US Junior Olympic National finals in the near future."

The Ultimate Volleyball Club's home is the SportsClub facility in Frankfort where the club has three indoor championship olympic-sized courts.

Palos Community Hospital offers lecture on Boomeritis

Many in the "baby-boomer" generation are making physical activity a part of their regular wellness regimen. They are learning the hard way that their bodies can't perform as they did 20 years ago.

Baby boomers are invited to attend this free presentation led by a PCH physician, a physical therapist and certified personal trainer. Topics covered will include preventative measures baby boomers can take, what to do in the event of an injury, and when to visit a physician. The program will take place from 7-8pm Wednesday, April 24 at Palos Health & Fitness Center, 15430 West Avenue. Registration is required and space is limited, call (708)923-5880 to register.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Why aren't the descendants of the Aztecs lobbying the San Diego University to change their team's name? They are probably proud that they are being remembered.

Let's keep the Fighting Illini team name and the

Chief Illiniwek symbol. These names were chosen out of respect for the past.

Truly Yours,
Robert Zielinski
Bridgeview, IL
U of I Alumnus

Community Motors opens in Oak Forest

A combined effort between Oak Forest Mayor Patrick Gordon and the owner of Community Motors, Thomas Wehmeier, has paid off. Community Mazda opens this week at 5900 West 159th Street in Oak Forest.

Mayor Gordon has made it a point to make Oak Forest a more business friendly community. "This is a great acquisition for Oak Forest," said Mayor Gordon, "It's wonderful to see Oak Forest expanding and I appreciate

Mr. Wehmeier's investment in our community."

Formerly Terry's Mazda of Orland Park, the Mazda dealership will make an excellent addition to the Community family of dealerships. Community Motors has been a part of Oak Forest since 1969. Originally a Pontiac dealership, it has expanded to include GMC, and now a new Mazda dealership.

Mr. Wehmeier has an outstanding and active relationship with the city of Oak Forest.

Pat Boone to speak at BCFA dinner

The Evangelical Child and Family Agency is holding its annual Love in Action Dinner 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Wyndham List Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, (1 block east of Naperville Road and just north of I-88), Lisle, Illinois.

This year's Love in Action features Pat Boone as special speaker. He wrote the best-selling Twixt Twelve and Twenty, an advice book for

teens and donated the proceeds to establishing Northeastern College in Villanova, Pennsylvania. Later, he had his own TV series, hosted numerous specials, made more movies, and wrote 14 more books, including A New Song, an account of his and his family's spiritual journeys.

ECFA clients will also be on hand sharing personal experiences and there will be

special music by violinist Bill Murk. The dinner is complimentary, but reservations are required (age 16 and over please). An offering will be received to help underwrite ECFA's ministry services. Reservations should be placed by April 17 by calling 630-653-6400 or visiting www.EvanCFA.org. Church groups, families and individuals are welcome.

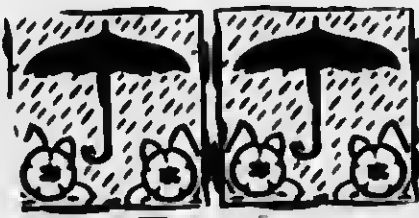
Trinity Lutheran Church presents Adventures in Gardening

Get in the mood for spring and attend "Adventures in Gardening" with Master Gardener Ron Wolford. The event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 9701 S. Brandt, Oak Lawn, on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. We invite everyone to come and join us for a night of fun, fellowship and refreshments; along with tips on how to make your garden a place of beauty and enjoyment. Canned goods will be collected to go to Pilgrim Faith Church and a free will donation will help the Trinity Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School. Come join us for a special night.

Private Shopping Night to Benefit Adoption and Maternity Programs

The Adoptive Parents Guild of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will celebrate its annual Crate and Barrel Private

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Spring flea market in Oak Lawn

Oak Lawn Senior Citizens Council Spring Flea Market. The Oak Lawn Senior Citizens Council will sponsor a Spring Flea Market at the Oak Lawn Senior Center on April 19 and 20.

Books, glass items, plants, small appliances, knick-knacks, jewelry and articles of clothing will all be for sale at a reasonable price.

Lunch will also be served for a nominal fee. Hot dogs, soup, sandwiches, salads, desserts, and coffee will be available.

The Senior Center is located at 5330 West 95th Street. On Friday, April 19, the Center will be open from 9:00 to 4:00, and on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 to 1:00. On Saturday, a special sale will be in effect. All you can put into a brown paper bag is yours for \$2.



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Tips on promoting your website

So you have your website and you've put the word out on the web-search engines, classified sites, newsgroups, bulletin boards, link sites and mailing lists. And now you've exhausted the possibilities of marketing your website and you can sit back and wait for the visitors to roll in, right?

WRONG!

Here are 14 ways to promote your website without even turning your browser on:

NUMBER ONE: Make sure that your staff knows your website address. They know your telephone and fax numbers, they know your snail mail address-they should ALL know your web site address too. Make sure that new employees have this information.

NUMBER TWO: Print your URL and email address on all invoices, statements, letterheads, envelopes, business cards, compliment slips, receipts and gift certificates. Use the format <http://www.yourcompany.com>.

This way everyone that you ever come into contact with has your web address. ALWAYS list your URL on flyers and brochures!

NUMBER THREE: Business closed? Put up a sign "Open 24 hours a day on www.yourcompany.com".

NUMBER FOUR: Include your URL in your answering machine greeting or line holding message. Let people know that they can find information/buy products/inquire about services via the world wide web.

NUMBER FIVE: Type your URL into your screensaver to remind staff of the address while they are on the phone. This way even temporary staff know the address.

NUMBER SIX: When potential clients call for information about your company, ask them if they have internet access and invite them to visit your website. This means they can have information immediately, without waiting for the postal system, and may help cut

down on your postage bills.

NUMBER SEVEN: Look for unusual promotional items at holiday times--WWW tiepins, computer shaped cookies, Christmas cards on discs (with the obligatory link to your website)-the choice is endless and it all draws attention to the fact that your company is taking advantage of the latest technology.

NUMBER EIGHT: Why not swap leaflets with one of your clients and reach a whole new potential audience? Stuff statements and mailers with a trusted customer's non-competing flyer. Ask them to do the same for you.

NUMBER NINE: Magnetic car stickers featuring your company name and URL help get you seen while you're out and about and can be a great conversation starter!

NUMBER TEN: Have t-shirts printed with your web address and logo-then give them out as prizes or promotional items.

NUMBER ELEVEN: If you're in a restaurant or hotel with a guestbook-sign it! And don't forget to leave your web address. These guestbooks are left in receptions year round and people tend to browse through them while waiting.

NUMBER TWELVE: Make sure that any newspaper or other offline ads feature your URL prominently-don't hide it away in small print!

NUMBER THIRTEEN: Print your URL on the wall of your business in a prominent place. Add it to your window display. Place a sign at checkout areas, teller windows, meeting areas, etc.

NUMBER FOURTEEN: Hand out a customer satisfaction survey and have customers sign on to your web site to complete the survey.

Commercial-Resources.com hosts and designs websites. For more information visit <http://www.commercial-resources.com>.

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce sponsors Appreciation Day luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold an Appreciation Day Luncheon and Show to offer local business an opportunity to thank their dedicated employees and volunteers on Wednesday, April 24 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue. Reservations are now being accepted at the Chamber office at 5314 W. 95th Street.

The luncheon theme is "An Afternoon in Paradise". This lively, two-hour program will

feature entertainment by an Elvis impersonator, a delicious lunch, door prizes and many other special surprises. The sign-in begins at 11:30 am. The cost for the luncheon and show is \$20 per person. This event is open to all area businesses. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 17.

For more information, reservation forms or to find out how your business can donate prizes for the event (708)424-8300.

Oak Lawn Library can help you find tax forms

Visit the Oak Lawn Public Library's 2001 Federal and State Income Tax Forms web site at www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us where you can link to official sites with federal, Illinois and out of state tax forms.

A selection of basic tax forms are available self-serve in the library's Raymond Av-

enue entryway through April 15.

You can also order federal forms and publications by phone at 1-800-829-3676. State of Illinois tax forms can be picked up at 9730 S. Western Avenue in Evergreen Park, or by phone at 1-800-356-6302.



Pictured is the Radisson Hotel Alsip hotel management, VIPs from CVBs and government officials.

Radisson Hotel Alsip

A \$3 million expansion is underway at the Radisson Hotel Alsip in the Chicago area that will more than double its space for meetings, training sessions, and banquets.

The 11,250 square foot expansion will give the Radisson a total of almost 20,000 square feet of remodeled and new space. "Flexibility is the key to this expansion," said Kevin Morrey, General Manager. "We're adding three large sections to our ballroom, expanding three other rooms and totally

remodeling our current three function rooms. We will have a total of nine rooms to combine into a variety of configurations for clients."

Also included in the expansion is a new entrance to the addition, a large coatroom, increased prefunction and public space as well as remodeled restrooms. The hotel's main entrance portico is also being torn down and replaced with a larger one that will greatly enhance the entrance.

The Radisson Hotel Alsip is located at 5000 W. 127th

Job Corps preparing young people in Illinois for success in job market

Recruiters are looking for students to fill openings at the three Illinois Job Corps centers during the program's spring recruitment drive. Regional Director Stephen Garlington announced.

Young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are seeking career development and job training are eligible to attend the Job Corps centers in Chicago, Joliet, and Golconda.

The career development services system begins as soon as each student enters the program. Students work with an adviser to set career goals and devise a plan of action before instructors begin teaching students the essentials of job hunting, interviewing, and how to maintain employment.

After completing the career preparation period, students begin vocational training from trade-certified instructors, who allow students to progress at their own pace. During training, Job Corps provides all residential students with room, board, medical and dental services and some spending money.

Students spend six months to two years completing vocational training in one of the many fields offered and studying for a high school diploma or GED, if needed. Vocations taught in the Illinois centers include accounting, facilities maintenance, business and computer skills, culinary arts, carpentry, electrical occupations, customer service, and health occupations.

Job Corps helps graduates transition into their careers by placing graduates in their first jobs and providing them with support services for a full year after placement.

Those who want to learn more about Job Corps and what it has to offer can call (800) 230-5627 in Illinois or visit the Job Corps Web site at www.jobcorps.org.



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Career Opportunities at DeVry University Open House

An open house regarding career opportunities in technology-based business and electronics fields, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, at DeVry University's Chicago campus, located at 3300 North Campbell Avenue. A campus tour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a presentation at 6:30 p.m.

The seminar will include a film on opportunities in technology-based fields as well as several discussion sessions, during which DeVry representatives will answer questions on technology career opportunities and DeVry curricula, financial aid and career services.

DeVry/Chicago offers bachelor's degree programs in electronics engineering technology, computer engineering technology, computer information systems, telecommunications management, technical manage-

ment, business administration and information technology. An associate degree program in electronics and computer technology is also available.

DeVry University offers bachelor's and master's degree programs in business, technology and management. More than 56,000 students in 17 states and two Canadian provinces are enrolled at its 23 undergraduate campuses and 47 adult learning centers. The parent company, DeVry Inc., also owns and operates Becker Conviser Professional Review, a leading provider of preparatory coursework for professional certification exams. DeVry University is based in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. For additional information, contact the DeVry admissions office at 773-929-8500, or visit www.chi.devry.edu.

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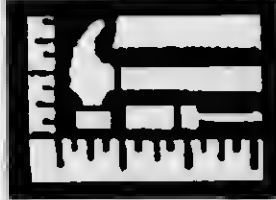
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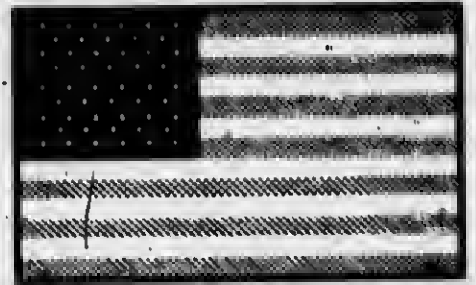
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Welcome!

by Jude Coyle

The Village View is an organization 27 years in the making. We are based in Oak Lawn and cover many near Southwest Suburbs. Among those are Oak Lawn, Hickory Hills, Evergreen Park, Chicago Ridge, Palos Hills, Palos Park and Palos Heights. Today, April 2, 2002, we happily reach out to add three more communities to our coverage area. They are Oak Forest, Tinley Park and Orland Park.

I am happy to be part of this move, and I eagerly await the new acquaintances, new experiences and the many new lessons that await me. Hence, I met with city and village officials, and collected information about each municipality.

In Oak Forest, I spoke to Dianne Hennessy, Secretary to Mayor Patrick M. Gordon. The day of my visit, the Oak Forest City Hall was draped in purple and black bunting. Ms. Hennessy explained that 4th Ward Alderman Fred W. Rave had passed away on March 27th. Our condolences to his family.

Ms. Hennessy provided me with a new resident package, which contains a number of pamphlets about Oak Forest and Chicago Southland. I learned about City services, fees, schools, restaurants, businesses and local events.

I asked about upcoming projects. She told me that Central Avenue between 163rd and 167th should be closed to traffic soon. IDOT will be laying sewer

pipe. She also told me about a referendum that passed during the election in April, 2001. The Alden Group is currently seeking funding for an 86 unit senior housing development to be built at 149th and Cicero. This is strictly independent living, and should open in the fall of 2003.

I came across the opening of School District 135's Annual Art Show in Orland Park. Bright, colorful and cheerful paintings completed by school children enlivened the lobby of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. The display will continue through April 19.

I picked up several pamphlets at the information desk.

Patty Vlazny, Media and Special Events Coordinator, provided me with a list of upcoming events.

The first Farmers Market will take place every Friday, from 8AM to 2PM, 6/21 through 10/18, in the Civic Center parking lot. Vendors will travel from as far away as Southern Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Iowa.

"2002 Minutes of Celebration" is the theme of this year's Fourth of July Celebration. It incorporates the 110th Anniversary of Orland Park. The parade route takes in West Avenue.

Orland Days takes place each year during the first weekend after Memorial Day. This is a four-day event, which is sponsored by the Lion's Club. A carnival opens on Thursday,

and a parade down LaGrange on Sunday closes the event.

Ms. Vlazny provided me with a list of planned road projects.

Village Square of Orland Townhomes, Salvatori Court, Eagle Ridge 1 multi-family, Golfview Condos (Brassi Ct. and Foxbend Ct.), Georgin Woods, Riviera, Brook Hills 3 single-family, Golfview West and Cascade Ridge are included in 2002's street program. This includes patching, resurfacing, curb repair and misc. storm sewer work.

Cook County is planning work to complete work began on 94th Ave., 171st St. to 159th. This includes reconstruction traffic signals, turning

lanes and road widening. Two-lane reconstruction is planned for 108th Avenue, 153rd St. to 143rd St., with traffic signals at 153rd and 143rd. Two-lane reconstruction is planned for 179th St., Southwest Hwy to 108th Ave., again with traffic lights at 108th, and Wolf Road. Reconstruction and culvert widening will be completed on Wolf Road, from 143rd St. to 139th. Resurfacing is planned on 153rd St., from Wolf Road to West Ave. Resurfacing, and turning lanes will be completed on 167th St. from Will-Cook to LaGrange. This includes traffic signals at 108th Ave. and 104th Ave. 80th Ave., from 159th St. to 151st St. will be reconstructed to 4-

It is terrible to speak well and be wrong.

—Sophocles

also be on hand to hand out fingerprint cards to parents and answer questions.

Last summer, Ford Blue Oval Certified dealers helped educate communities about child safety by distributing more than 450,000 ID kits nationwide. Ford expects the number of kits distributed to reach one million this year.

A completed ID kit can help expedite the return of a missing child. Taking a few minutes to complete an ID kit may be the single most important thing Oak Lawn parents can do for their kids this year. Parents are urged to repeat the identification process every six months to maintain updated information.

Hawkinson Ford to host Child Safety ID Day

In an effort to reduce the number of missing children each year, Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn, 6100 W. 95th Street, will host a free child identification event on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parents can bring their children to Hawkinson Ford for free "Commitment to Kids" safety ID kits. A photograph will be taken of each child and instructions will be provided for parents to complete their child's physical description information. An Oak Lawn police officer will



lanes with median.

State road projects include completion of traffic signals and turning lanes on Wolf Road at 151st and 153rd Sts. The interchange at I-80 and U.S. 45 (LaGrange Road) will be reconstructed. 159th St., LaGrange Road to Wolf Road will be resurfaced.

I received a pamphlet from the Village of Tinley Park describing their municipal services. I spoke on the phone to Village Clerk Frank W. German, Jr.

Mr. German explained that Tinley Park had about 48,400 residents in the year 2000. Now, a short 2-years later, about 52,000 people live in Tinley. He

said that there is quite a bit of building south of 183rd in Will County.

The Village, he said, will spend \$1.25 million on highway resurfacing this season. Also, he told me that a new train station is under construction on Oak Park Avenue. That project is estimated to cost \$4.5 million.

We planned to tour the Convention Center and discuss other projects. Unfortunately we could not get together.

I did ask him to recommend a local restaurant. He said I would enjoy either Bogart's, by the train station on Oak Park, or Lavery's, east of the train station.

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Highlights from Worth

by Jude Coyle

Several items were addressed at the March 20, 2002 Worth Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Werner asked for approval of a recreational site plan. There is \$75,000 in grant money available. This is a three year plan and will be done without selling additional bonds or raising taxes. One of the items being considered is a pavilion. The Worth Park District will pay for and install a sand volleyball court, basketball court and a skate park facility or ice rink. This was placed on the consent agenda.

Also placed on the consent agenda is the approval of an expenditure of \$2,450 to Casto Brothers who will cement the dugouts at the baseball field. In spite of that the Village is awaiting for the final adjustments made to expected grant money. Conformation might take a couple of month yet.

Trustee Rhein asked the Board to approve two purchases for the Fire Department. The first is the purchase of portable radios. Chief Stefaniak recommended a quote from United Radio for \$5,567.67. The next is an ambulance. Trustee Rhein asked that the bid process is begun. Both items

were placed on the consent agenda.

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Items to be discussed at future meetings include repairs to the roof of the fire house and putting in an oversized water main at the Metra Lot.

Also of note:

Volunteers are needed to help with Worth's Annual Clean-Up Day. It will begin at 9AM, on Saturday, April 13. Anyone interested should meet at the Village Hall.

The Village is also looking for volunteers to help with Worth's Planting Day. That is scheduled for Saturday May 18. This begins at 10AM.

Judy Baar Topinka's office will visit the Village Hall on Monday, May 6th. Topics discussed will be Unclaimed Property and the Senior Beware Program. The discussion begins at 10AM

Tuesday, May 28, at 9AM, the Village is sponsoring their Second Annual Senior Help Fair. It will take place at the Terrace Centre. The Cook County Sheriff's Police and the Worth Police will discuss senior safety issues. There will be videos and articles available concerning that subject. The Fire

Department will conduct blood pressure checks. Representatives from area nursing homes, funeral homes, banks and PLOWS Council on the Aging will be present, as well as representatives from St. Francis Hospital and Palos Hospital. Other vendors are expected. Village Clerk Bonnie Price explained that last year Senators Anne Zickus and Patrick O'Malley and State Representative Maggie Crotte attended. Although she hasn't heard from their offices yet, she is expecting to soon.

Clerk Price explained that the Club House at Water's Edge is open for lunch daily, beginning at 11AM. "You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy it." There will be a fish fry at Water's Edge on April 19th from 4 to 8PM. On Sunday May 12, there will be a Mother's Day Brunch.

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Grant helps supply basic needs to people following apartment fire

Aid Association for Lutherans/Lutheran Brotherhood (AAL/LB) has approved a grant of up to \$5,000 to help the 11 families forced from their homes during the March 22 apartment fire 2438 W. 25th Street in Chicago.

The Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross will use the grant to support the 45 people who were driven from their homes. The funds will be used to help the families with basic needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter.

Funds for the grant were provided through AAL/LB's nationwide disaster response program that enables AAL/LB volunteers to respond to disasters affecting five or

more dwellings. During the past 10 years, AAL/LB, its branches and members have provided countless volunteer hours and more than \$21 million for areas affected by disasters.

Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood merged on January 1, 2002, to create Aid Association for Lutherans/Lutheran Brotherhood (AAL/LB), the largest fraternal benefit society in the United States. Composed of nearly 3 million members, the organization offers a broad array of financial products and services, as well as charitable programs, to Lutherans, their families and their communities.

Workshop focusing on reforming nursing home care

Illinois Department on Aging Director Margo E. Schreiber invites nursing home administrators, social workers, registered nurses and other interested professionals to attend an April or May workshop focusing on the national movement to reform nursing home care.

"Workshops we have held on the 'Pioneer' movement within the world of long term care have been met with great enthusiasm," Schreiber said. "It's important to the Department to keep professionals, volunteers and family members abreast of this new and exciting home-like approach to institutional care that may make a world of difference for all of us in years to come."

Titled "Pioneering Approaches to Long Term Care: Implementing Strategies and Practices," the workshop will feature a presentation by Jennifer Gettman, Nursing Home Administrator from

National Health Care in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Gettman will discuss what has worked in her 220-bed Registered Eden Alternative facility.

The workshop will be repeated in six locations:

April 16, 2002, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut Street, Springfield; April 17, 2002, at the Rantoul Civic Center, 520 E. Wabash, Rantoul; April 19, 2002, at the Mt. Vernon Airport, Mt. Vernon; May 8, 2002, at Second Congregational Church, 318 N. Church, Rockford; May 9, 2002, at the Butterworth Center, 110 S. 8th Street, Moline; and May 10, 2002, at the Quincy Senior Center, 1125 Hampshire Street, Quincy. Each session will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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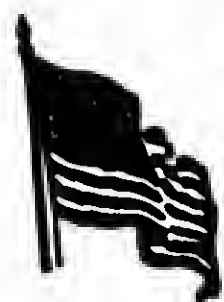
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To know him was to love him

By Annette Dixon

Founder, engineer, student and just all around nice guy. That fits the description of only one person in Oak Lawn.

Les Lausch Sr., founder of Southwest Denture Center in Oak Lawn, developed a business so that his sons would also have a future.

Leslie W. Lausch Sr. grew up in Chicago around 105th & Campbell, now called West Beverly. He graduated from Chicago Technical College in Electrical and Civil Engineering. After receiving his degree in 1953, he enjoyed teaching engineering at Lane tech and CVS evening school to Bachelor of Science students. During the day he worked for Jewel from 1953 - 1958 as a Design Engineer.

The concept of the new design of Osco/ Jewel is accredited to him. Some of us remember the Jewel in Evergreen Plaza where they had the drive-thru conveyor belt delivery station in the center

lane. That was Les' design. Another design was the Oak Lawn Jewel on 95th and Mayfield, and others in the

had time to be with his sons as a Boy Scout Leader, and later, drummer in the boys' garage band.



Leslie W. Lausch, Sr. 1927 -2002
Chicagoland area.

Les' career didn't end at the Jewel. He went to work at the Ford Plant on Torrence Ave. for 32 years as Plant Maintenance Engineer. This is where he learned to get prepared for his part time jobs. It wasn't easy for Les to be a two time widower with three boys to raise. Yes, Les stayed busy, always working two jobs, but still

He encouraged each son to find a career that they would enjoy and be successful in, and that they did. He helped with money and mentoring. Starting with the eldest, Leslie Jr. Les Sr. helped him with his studies and currently he is working in the Technical Department at Walgreens. Les also helped Mark, the second son, and currently Mark is receiving

his Doctorate of Education soon, and is currently teaching at the college level. Mark's dad also helped him with his hobby, stamp collecting. Les' other son Paul is the owner of Southwest Denture Center, 5757 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. Les worked with Paul until recently.

I'm not making light of this because what most of us don't know is that originally in 1976 Leslie W. Lausch Sr. bought his brother-in-law's dental lab business and started Les Jr. into the dental lab business. Mark and Paul also reaped the benefits from their dad. In the 90's, Paul Lausch became sole owner and Southwest Denture Center took on a new leaf. Les was Paul's confidant, mentor, bookkeeper, office personnel and public relations person.

Les got more involved in Southwest Denture after his retirement but he still had an urge to accomplish more in life. He attended Moraine

Valley Community College frequently, but his idea of fun classes were Physics and Chemistry. He also said he only went to find mistakes in text books and catch errors instructors were making!

Well, the last time this reporter spent time with him, it was at the all day Brian Tracy seminar. Yes, Les was certainly a gifted person who used his intelligence. He didn't finish his book, but his boys promise to finish it for him.

Oak Lawn was Les' home for 35+ years and he loved this town. Our conversations were also about community issues. He was an avid reader, his favorites were all the Dick Francis books and even the occasional Stephen King.

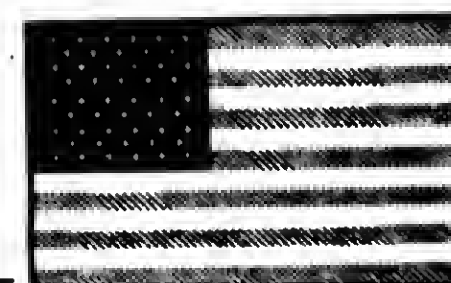
More importantly, he was a big fan of Village View Newspaper. He would remind me of a story that was written in the paper when we would be debating.

Les was an outstanding hobbyist! He golfed, bowled,

read and entertained! He was a founding member of the Success Club which met at the Oak Lawn Library from 1985-95.

I do not want to be remiss by not mentioning his war stories. Les also served in WWII. He went to war in 1945, first in the army, then the Army Air Corp for three years. He was in Guam, Korea and Tokyo, flying in B-27's and B-29's and was also with the OSS.

A memorial tribute took place Saturday, April 13th, 2002. He left behind a legacy of knowledge and his family, Leslie, Mark, Paul, a sister Betty Hall, a brother George Lausch and granddaughter Markie Elizabeth Lausch, age 6, will inherit this legacy if they have not already.



Hickory Hills reconsiders method of making donations

by Jude Coyle

Mayor Jack Faddis opened the April 11, 2002 City Council Meeting with a presentation. Debby Christensen will participate in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk-A-Thon. Mayor Faddis and Clerk Jackson presented Ms. Christensen with a check for \$250 and a pink t-shirt and a baseball cap.

The City was asked then to donate to help a student who will be participating in the U.S. Student to Student Ambassador program. That

was agreed to, with Alderman Lustig voting against it.

"We could benefit a lot of students rather than just one," Alderman Lustig commented about the donation. Alderman Howley agreed.

Three children were selected by their school to participate. They are expected to raise \$3000 on their own. Members of the City Council agreed that this is a great program and these children should be encouraged. They voiced concern though, that as word gets out about their

generosity, more and more groups would ask for donations. Council members decided that a dollar amount should be set and an ad hoc committee should review requests and make recommendations to the Council.

Attorney Vince Cankar presented an ordinance that would allow the City to sell the piece of property located next to the new police station. He has a buyer and what he thinks is a good offer. The Mayor and members of the Council agreed that the offer

did look good. Before the sale could be made though, the property has to be appraised. The sale price could not drop below 80% of the appraised value. The ordinance passed.

The Council voted to go along with the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny a request for a variation at 7948 W. 87th Place. The petitioner planned to build three town houses on a triangular tract of land. The Zoning Board felt that 2 would fit nicely. A third would force buildings to extend over the set back from the Tollway, and would infringe on a side setback by more than 10 feet.

Alderman Riley asked the Council to consider a request from Brookfield Zoo. The

Zoo would provide the City with 10 colorful banners, and would be responsible for hanging them. The City would choose which streets and which street poles would have the banners. Two banners would hang from each pole, and those poles would have to be on main arteries. Mayor Faddis commented that since the City plants a tree at the Zoo each year, that this might be something

worth participating in. The Council agreed.

National Night Out will be held on August 6th. Loyola will donate luminescent sticks and will pay for a band concert that night. This is an annual celebration in which neighbors make an effort to get to know their neighbors again. The intention is to reduce crime.

Other activities planned

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John A. Oremus - April 4, 2002

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Sunday, April 7th and Monday, April 8th were extremely rainy days. As the old saying goes, "During the time of death it rains, the gates of heaven are surely opened for those ready to enter." Surely if the saying is correct, those gates were wide open, waiting for John.

This column is written with a personal message about an outstanding person and a kind friend.

I met Mayor John Oremus in 1975 at various social and political functions. It wasn't until 1983, when I purchased the Village View that I became better acquainted with the Mayor. Shortly after the purchase, John approached me to start a Bridgeview Paper. The first issue came out November, 1985.

Over time, I noticed that John's picture was rarely in the paper. Let's just say he didn't really look for publicity for himself. All the stories we printed were about

Bridgeview, and not of him or his honors or accomplishments. What a guy!

Going through past issues I found a story I thought was enjoyable. It was an interview between John Oremus and former employee, Jack Murray. It was originally published in the December 15, 1985 issue. Reading the interview was like listening to a cassette and hearing his voice again.

John Oremus surely will be missed by his many friends, the residents of Bridgeview, his employees, and especially by his family. He is survived by his daughter Dorothy (John) Lindauer, son Robert J. Oremus, daughter-in-law Rubina Oremus. He was the devoted grandfather of Kim (Bill) Hanson, J. Alan (Susan) Oremus, Sheri (David) Braun, Michael Oremus, James Oremus, Gary (Rose) and John Christopher Oremus. He was great grandfather of

Justin, Jordan, Taylor, Sara, Chloe, Alexandra, Abbey, Evan, Austin, Emma Cooper, Jack, Isabella, J.R. and Joe.

Passing before him were wife Angeline (nee Mularski), sons Jack and

Thomas Oremus, and sister Mary Butcher.

He was a 50 year member and past Master of Oak Lawn Lodge #1166 A.F. & A.M. Member of Medinah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.



Pictured John Oremus, son Jack, (deceased) and grandson.



Left to right: Burt Odelson, Mayor Zabrocki of Tinley Park, the late Mayor Vacco of Evergreen Park, Former Mayor Ray Kay of Hickory Hills, Mayor John Oremus of Bridgeview, and former Mayor Dan Kumingo of Worth, circa 1980's

Improving the streets has been the hardest goal to accomplish. The residents voted them down two or three times until we divided Bridgeview into districts and let each separate district decide for themselves whether they wanted new streets. The Gardens, Bridgeview Manor and Roberts Park have all approved new streets, only Southfield is left without them.

What were the boundaries of Bridgeview when you first became Village President and what is the story behind the annexations that enlarged the village to its present size?

Oremus: The southern boundary was 83rd St., now the village extends to 103rd St. We made the village twice as big. I wanted more land to increase the tax base and enlarge the village. It was a one horse town. We had help from Commonwealth Edison and the Railroad in getting more land and attracting industry to it.

Hickory Hills fought us on an annexation of property they wanted and they took the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court which held in favor of Bridgeview.

At the time, General Electric was going to build a plant to make compressors, that meant jobs and revenue for the village. But the tollway came in and cut the property in two, so

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One man's dream and its reality

Chicago had its Mayor Daley and Bridgeview has its John Oremus. Both men's lives were inexorably tied to the histories of the municipalities they've governed. Oremus has given 25 years of his life serving Bridgeview as its Village President. His team and his accomplishments shaped the growing Village, which can boast of having one of the largest tax bases of any municipality in Southwest Cook County.

This interviewer visited John Oremus at his office at Prairie Materials, the Company he and his late wife Angeline founded 36 years ago, of which he serves as Chairman of the Board. We talked about his life and his village, accomplishments of the past and speculation about the future.

Interviewer: How did it all begin?

Oremus: My wife and I moved to Bridgeview about 36 years ago from Summit. We lived right here in this building, and ran our home and the business from here. We lived in this side and had Prairie Material's offices and warehouse area on

the other.

We started with one dump truck, hauling stone to construction sites. I drove the truck, and my wife ran the office. Concrete mixer trucks were not allowed to be based in suburban Cook County when we started Prairie materials.

How has the company grown since?

Oremus: From one truck and one yard, Prairie now has 350 trucks and 15 yards. We've got a plant in Dixon, Illinois and yards located all around the greater Chicago metropolitan area, including Northwest Indiana.

In 1955 you won your first election to become Bridgeview's Village President? Why did you run?

Oremus: People in town approached me and asked me to run. I was drafted you could say. I was a Lieutenant of Police and the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and being a businessman who owned the first industrial company to be started in the village, they thought I'd be a good candidate.

Who are they? Who

were the people that asked you to run?

Oremus: Different business people, Tony Ulrich who was the police chief, and both George Cizek and George Lund, the men who served as Village Presidents before I did.

How did that first election turn out?

Oremus: There were five full tickets on the ballot, five different parties sought seats on the Village Board. We had the largest ballot in the County. We got more votes than all of the others put together.

You won the election. You were now Village President. What were your goals for the village?

Oremus: I wanted to expand the tax base, get business and industry into the village. That way we'd keep the homeowners' taxes down and still be able to provide the services we needed. Remember, we didn't have a water supply or sewers or streets. We only had septic tanks and wells. We had a volunteer fire department and only a part time police department.

Did you seek to change that, upgrade the public

safety departments?

Oremus: We finally got a full time police department after my first term, and during my second term we began a full time, paid fire department, and we had to build proper facilities for the fireman and their equipment.

What were your priorities back then?

Oremus: First we had to get sewers, the town was starting to smell bad. Then I worked for water and roads. We get city water directly from the City of Chicago. Our pumping station is big enough to serve three other towns.

What were the roads like and what kind of improvements did you want to make on them?

Oremus: They were gravel with no curbs or gutters, so they'd get full of pot holes and water puddles. The ultimate streets have storm sewers, curbs and gutters. We only have one more area in the village left that doesn't have modern streets, that's Southfield. It's been difficult to get modern streets, the people keep voting against them.

Most of our residents came from Chicago where their grandparents paid for the streets and sewers. Somebody had to pay for them.

If people oppose street improvements, why put them in?

Oremus: What kind of street do you live on?

Asphalt and gravel. I live in Worth and we had a Village President thrown out of office because he tried to get storm sewers, curbed streets with gutters, by special assessment.

Oremus: Then you live in a backward town, not a modern one. When it rains where does the water go? It probably fills your ditches and floods your yard. Not only do improved streets raise property values of homes, they are a modern convenience.



95th Interchange with Mayor Oremus and Former Governor James Thompson.

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G.E. decided not to build the plant.

You lost G.E., but you attracted other industries into Bridgeview. Did you, yourself, actively go out and sell companies to locate in the village.

Oremus: I went all over the country with the General manager of Industrial Development of the Belt Railroad which runs through the town, promoting the village. We went to Ohio, California, all over to bring industry into Bridgeview.

Bridgeview has one of the largest Assessed valuations (property tax base) of any municipality in the area. Are property taxes the largest source of revenue for the village treasury?

Oremus: No, sales taxes are number one, then property taxes.

Southfield Mall must bring in a lot of sales taxes, how did you get that land into Bridgeview?

Oremus: Southfield use to be an airport, Harlem Airport. I knew the developers, Gilbert and Wolf, who had plans for building a shopping mall and homes that now make up Southfield. Oak Lawn wanted the area too. I had a public debate about which village should have Southfield over at a school with Will Gierach who represented Oak Lawn's side.

One of the biggest issues facing Bridgeview today seems to be how to get the full Interchange at 95th St. and the Tri-state Tollway. What's happening with that?

Oremus: We've been working on that through the Southwest Council of Mayors and I've been working with state legislators representing our area to help us get the time extensions and the funds to pay for the land acquisition necessary for the construction of the entrance and exit ramps.

The land the tollway authority needs to build those ramps was valued at \$631,000, according to the appraisal the Village of Bridgeview paid \$5,100 to conduct. That's without the retaining wall I want to see built which separate the ramp from Crane and Machinery's property.

Without the retaining wall, the ramp would take away almost half of Crane's property and they might be forced to relocate. They can live with the retaining wall, though, because it would take up much less of their land. The land would cost \$520,000 if the retaining wall is built.

All the neighboring communities want the full interchange, but the dilemma is how to pay for the land. The state and federal government should contribute something. I have state legislators working to get Build

Illinois Funds for it. I'm optimistic. I think it'll happen, somehow we'll get the full interchange built.

The next Village election is 1987. Will you run for reelection?

Oremus: If I feel as good as I do now, I'll run again.

Who would you support as a successor if you decided not to run yourself?

Oremus: If I choose not to run, and that's a Big if, I'd like to see a Caucus party system which would allow all the segments of the population to have an input into putting a slate of candidates together. LaGrange has a system like that. All the candidates for the Village Board would have to be approved by the Caucus.

How well have you been working with the five trustees of the Involved party?

Oremus: The welfare of the Village comes before party loyalty. Therefore, the decisions that are made are worthwhile to first the Village.

What has it been like being Village president all these years?

Oremus: I enjoy it, but sometimes I know it's going to be rough. I've crossed swords with the best of them. It can be hectic, especially if it were a full time job. I don't think I'd want to be Village President if we had a Village Manager system. I'd have no function. I'd just be a ceremonial figure head. There's no challenge in that.

Oak Lawn Spring gardening programs are sure to grow on you

Green-thumbed individuals can take part in upcoming programs and events at the Oak Lawn Park District this spring. For those whose backyard gardens are too small or for those who yearn to beautify their neighborhood parks, the park district offers its Adopt-a-Flowerbed program. Volunteer individuals or families are assigned a park in Oak Lawn and are supplied with flowers to plant. Volunteers receive "adoption papers" and the responsibility to tend their park's flowerbed all summer long.

Parks are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Available locations are: Lewandowski Park, 89th Street and 49th Court; McVickers Park, 95th Street and McVickers Avenue; Brandt Park, 89th Street and Tulley Avenue; Lawn manor Park, 108th Street and Kostner Avenue; Harker Park, 104th Street and Minnick Avenue; Williams Place Park, 102nd Street and Kostner Avenue; Shubert Park, 90th Street and Mayfield Avenue; Central Pool, 94th Street and Kenton Avenue; Oak View Center,

110th Street and Kilpatrick Avenue; Community Pavilion, 94th Street and Oak Park Avenue; Racquet and Fitness Club, 104th Street and Central Avenue; Ice Arena, 93rd Street and Kenton Avenue; and Teen Center, 93rd Street and Oak Park Avenue.

In addition to Adopt-a-Flowerbed, the Oak Lawn Park District will once again offer its annual flower sale at its "Red, White, and Blue and Flower Sale, Too" special event on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, at Memorial Park, 102nd Street and Major Avenue. Annual plants and flowers will be available to purchase at this event from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Also on Memorial Day at Memorial Park, the park district will sponsor a Great Perennial Divide, which is an opportunity for area gardeners to swap perennial plants. For more information on these programs and events, call the park district at 708-857-2200 or email info@olparks.com.

want the lack of resources to stand in the way of those who wish to join us in this fight. The non-voting, non-dues paying membership will allow us to receive the valuable input of all segments of our communities."

SOC authorizes expansion of its membership

In response to numerous requests from government agencies to join the Suburban O'Hare Commission's fight against O'Hare Airport expansion, the commission has voted to create a new category of membership that would broaden its base.

The commission unanimously voted to create a new class of non-dues paying "supporting members" to allow other governmental units, such as schools, parks, libraries, fire districts, and other agencies to join the fight.

At the same time, the commission voted unani-

mously to increase its recommended dues level to \$2 for each resident in participating municipalities. Current dues run from 90 cents per capita to \$2.20.

"We hear from schools and others who are anxious to join with us in the fight against O'Hare expansion, but they don't have the resources to become full members," said John Geils, SOC Chairman and President of Bensenville. "We are carrying on this fight without the resources, such as airline money, that O'Hare expansion promoters command. At the same time, we do not

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Fighting an emotional, nationwide problem like child abuse means tackling such dilemma before it occurs; that is, implementing good, sound prevention practices by government at the local, state, and national level on behalf of working families today. As a single mother myself and as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, I know the importance of providing support to our children and in the power of prevention. I truly believe that our children are the foundation for the future and that all children should have a chance to live in a healthy and safe environment. More importantly, I believe that all families should receive the resources that they need to provide a healthy and safe environment for children. When children do not grow up in a healthy and safe environment, society suffers a tremendous loss in human potential. We, in government, must invest more in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through the development of proven, cost-effective programs designed to provide parents an opportunity

to share ideas, take better care of themselves, and create loving, nurturing homes for their families.

Every year in Illinois, some 100,000 children are reportedly abused or neglected. Just a few years ago, more than 30,000 of these reported cases were confirmed. That's nearly 100 children each day, and tragically in that same year, 74 children statewide died because of maltreatment. These statistics, compiled by a children's advocacy group, now known as "One Percent to Prevent" (formerly the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse), are especially alarming considering the increasing amount of data linking child abuse and neglect with future drug and alcohol abuse, learning disabilities, youth violence, as well as chronic physical and mental health problems. The long-term negative effects of child abuse can have a profound impact on all our lives and in all our communities. That is why it is critical for Illinois to begin focusing on preventing child abuse and neglect.

April is a good time to start, since it has been designated "National Child Abuse Prevention Month." It is an opportunity to raise public awareness and to educate policymakers on child abuse and neglect. Such designation began more than ten years ago when one person—a grandmother from Norfolk, Virginia—made a difference when she tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her van, signaling to the community her personal battle against child abuse. Her grandson was a tragic victim of child abuse. She is now an example of how one person can make a difference. And each one of us can too!

Sincerely,
Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Elim Preschool

Elim Preschool located at 10835 S. Pulaski Road, is now taking registrations for the school year beginning September 2002.

Elim Preschool is now open to 3 and 4 year olds. Child must be 4 years old for the 4 year old program, or 3 years old for the 3 year old program by September 1, 2002.

Registration fee is \$35 (non-refundable) plus a birth certificate. Call the Elim Preschool for further details at 773-239-2396 between the hours of 9-4 Monday through Friday.

Genealogists to speak at Tinley Pk. High School

Monthly meeting of IRAD Resources, Illinois Regional Archives Depository, will be held Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Karl Moore. The meeting is located at Tinley Park High School, in the library, 6111 W. 175th Street, Tinley Park. Visitors are welcome; visitor fee is \$1 per meeting.

Learn more about the information stored in the State Regional Archives and the recent and upcoming additions to that information.

More and more of the information helpful to genealogists is being placed on the internet website of IRAD and is available to you from your personal computer or at your local library's computer. Karl Moore will identify the resources now available as well as providing information about those in the process of being readied for Internet access from their website. Currently the newest program is Marriage Records of

the State of Illinois. In the process are Illinois Death Certificates for the period of 1916 through 1947. Also in the process are the Illinois Township Plats which will identify by survey and maps both pre-settlement and early settlement information. Handouts of the information being presented will be available.

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of "Movin' Out," June 24 through August 4, 2002, The Shubert Theater, 22 W. Monroe Street; the Tony Award winning revival of "42nd Street," November 19 through December 8, 2002, at Ford Center of Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph Street; the whimsical family favorite "Suessical the Musical," December 10 through the 22, Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph Street;

the Tony nominated comedy "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife," January 16 through 26, 2003, The Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe Street.

Season ticket information can be obtained by calling Broadway in Chicago Season Ticket Services toll free at 877-890-0174. Season ticket packages range in price from \$55 to \$322.50.

Military News

Marine Corps Lane Cpl. John Paul M. Ruzich, son of Carol A. and James J. Ruzich

of Oak Lawn, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Ruzich was promoted based on sustained superior

job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Ruzich is a 2000 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School and joined the Marine Corps in August 2000.

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Seniors Ask

Question: I'm worried about my mother. Since my father passed away three years ago, she has moved into a retirement facility, and I was so pleased because she really needs the socialization. However, I have noticed that her drinking has escalated. She's always been a social drinker, but one of her friends confided in me that mom has skipped some meals and she thinks she drinks too much. I'm worried about her overall health, and that she might fall and hurt herself. I'd also like to get her more engaged in life again. Can you advise me on where to begin?

Answer: Alcohol problems can range nearly the full life span, from college-binge drinking to our older years. Alcohol abuse and alcoholism cut across not only age but gender, race, and nationality. Nearly 14 million people in the United States—one in every three adults—abuse alcohol or are alcoholics. Alcohol affects older people much differently. Slower re-

action times, problems with hearing and seeing, and a lower tolerance to alcohol's effects put older people at higher risk for falls, burns, car crashes, and other types of injuries.

Heavy drinking also raises the risk for high blood pressure, stroke, heart disease, certain cancers and other problems. Alcohol abuse can mask and worsen symptoms associated with depression and other medical problems, which your mother may be experiencing. Also, alcohol can interfere with medications she may be taking, even an over-the-counter drug. Even if there is no medical reason to avoid alcohol, experts say older men and women should limit themselves to one drink per day. In adults who turn increasingly to alcohol in later years, the problem is called late-onset alcoholism. This describes the dependency developed after the death of a spouse, for example. Also, after retiring, some people lose their sense of worth. I

suggest you talk to your mother and have her discuss her problem with her physician. She needs to be examined for possible depression and treated.

Now is the time to intervene. In fact, April is National Alcohol Awareness Month and screenings are being held all over the state to help people identify whether they have an alcohol problem and how and where to get help. To find a location near you, visit www.mentalhealth.org.

Tell your mother you want to see her enjoy life, not hide from it. Tell her you want her to enjoy good health and it is not good to miss meals. People her age need to pay close attention to nutrition. Have you considered she may be bored? Maybe she needs to spend more time with supportive and caring people such as yourself. This will alleviate any kind of feelings of loneliness and disconnection from the world. I'm sure the retirement community offers many activities. Does she

still read? How about a trip to the library? Did she ever have any hobbies like gardening? Maybe she can't garden anymore but would love a walk in the park this spring to see all the flowers budding. And, the exercise would be great too. Eating well and getting exercise are not only good for physical well-being at any age, but also for mental acuity.

Do not hesitate to seek professional help from a physician or mental health counselor. They can help people overcome alcohol problems at any age. There are many national and local resources to help. The National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Service provides a toll-free number at 1-800-662-HELP, offering various resource information.

For more information, write to: Seniors Ask c/o Marge Schreiber, Director, Illinois Department of Aging, 421 E. Capitol Ave., #100, Springfield, IL 62701.

Dr. Jerry Old speaks to Prosperity Club

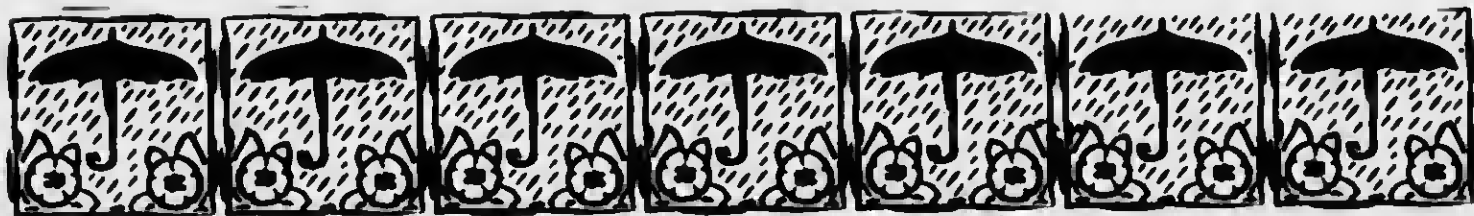
Join club members and guests on Wednesday, May 22, for a most enjoyable afternoon with Dr. Jerry Old, author of the best selling book "Vintage People—The Secret Of Successful Aging." Dr. Old's presentations are delivered with humor, energy, and true anecdotes from his medical practice. The message is positive and motivational, demonstrating that at any age, the best in life is yet to be. Jerry's stories are sure to tickle your funny bone.

Dr. Old has won several awards including the Toastmaster's International Award. His credits include a local radio talk show and published articles in medical journals. Dr. Old and his wife Kristi are joining our group for this special event all the way from Arkansas City, Arkansas.

Jerry is a Board Certified Family Physician in private practice in Arkansas City. He is clinical assistant professor of family and community

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National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Chicagoland Chapter & Women's Division

NIASHF honors USA Hockey's Smith

The National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, Chicagoland Chapter, honored USA Hockey Secretary Jim Smith from Elk Grove Village as its 2002 Man of the Year.

Smith was the guest of honor at the chapter's 13th annual Festa Primavera on April 13 at Niko's in Bridgeview. Also honored were Victoria Talerico as Woman of the Year, Leonard Michael DeGrado and Rita Duca as Members of the Year.

Smith was recognized with this prestigious

award for his constant support and care of J.J. O'Connor of Mount Prospect. O'Connor suffered from a hockey injury in October of 1995. With Smith's help, O'Connor graduated from Lake Forest College with a degree in Business.

Woman of the Year Victoria Talerico is the incoming president of the Women's Division of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Chicagoland Chapter. As an athlete, formally trained dancer, and a singer, Talerico has been a wholehearted supporter of the organization. The wife of Men's Division President and Mama Luigi's owner, Jim Talerico, have five children.

The National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Chicagoland

Chapter donated to the Pilipauskas family, a van with a lift for TJ, who suffers from a rare disorder called Dystonia.

Officers for the Men's Division of NIASHF are: James Talerico, President; Philip Pileggi, 1st Vice President; Carl Demma, 2nd Vice President; James Giuseffi, Corresponding Secretary; Michael Lombardo, Recording Secretary; George Gouzeas, Treasurer; Joe Ricardo, Sergeant at Arms; James Kepouros, Board of Chairman; Constantino Principe, Board of Directors; Ron Nagler, Board of Directors; and Joseph Frigoletti, Board of Directors.

Officers for the Women's Division for NIASHF are: Delia Képouris, President; Marie Krisch, 1st Vice President; Rita Duca, 2nd Vice President; Jill Dugal, Corresponding Secretary; Linda Kreiniker, Treasurer; and Patricia Jackson, Sergeant at Arms.



Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka and Sergeant-at-Arms of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Joe Ricardo at the NIASHF Festa Primavera XIII Dinner Dance.



National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame 2002 Man of the Year Jim Smith, pictured with J.J. O'Connor. Smith has helped J.J., a former hockey player who became a quadriplegic in a hockey accident, graduate from Lake Forest College this past May.



James Talerico, President of NIASHF, received an award as did his wife, Victoria Talerico, who was named 2002 Woman of the Year. James and Victoria are co-owners of Mama Luigi's Restaurant. Victoria, a native New Yorker, is an avid golfer and enjoys Taebo. She's also a formally trained dancer. Together James and Victoria help raise 5 children. This year Victoria will be running for President and if elected, she and her husband would like to elevate the organization to the next level.

TJ's Story

TJ Pilipauskas, now 11 years old, was first experiencing symptoms of a very rare disorder called Dystonia at the age of seven. Dystonia is characterized by involuntary spasms and muscle contractions that induce abnormal movements and postures.

When TJ first started having muscle cramps in his right leg, TJ and his mother Tish went from doctor to doctor to find a diagnosis. Every doctor and specialist they went to, however, either did not know what to make of his cramps or made misdiagnoses. At last, one doctor diagnosed TJ with Dystonia. After two years, they finally had their answer.

TJ and Tish went through immense physical and emotional pain, and

justice wouldn't be done having their story being briefly told. Tish has previously had breast cancer and underwent surgery and treatment, but, unfortunately, Tish has had a recurrence of cancer. She has also recently gotten a divorce.

In order for Tish to care for her son TJ and his disorder, she needs to be in good health herself.

It would be wonderful, for those who could, to make a donation to help the Pilipauskas, who reside in Orland Park. Any donation would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to:

Bridgeview Bank, 7940 South Harlem, Bridgeview, IL 60455. Please make checks out to The TJ Pilipauskas Fund. The number to the bank is 708-594-7400.



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The singing group the Diamonds are appearing at the Moraine Valley Community College fundraiser "Starry, Starry Night, an Evening of Delight"

MVCC holds a starry, starry fundraiser

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will hold its eighth annual gala "Starry, Starry Night—An Evening of Delight!" on Saturday, April 13 in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills.

The evening will satisfy the appetite for good food and entertainment. A dinner reception will be held, start-

ing at 6 p.m., throughout the arts center with food prepared by many local dining and catering establishments. A silent auction will also begin at 6 p.m. in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery.

In addition, the 1950s group The Diamonds will cap off the evening's festivities with music and comedy at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater.

Ticket prices are \$125 per person for reserved seating on the main floor, center section, of the Dorothy Menker Theater; \$100 for reserved seating on the main floor and the front rows of the balcony; and \$75 for unreserved seating in the balcony. For reservations and more information, call 708-974-5740.

Oak Lawn Public Library to

The Oak Lawn Public Library is one step closer to starting construction on a major building expansion project that will increase their facility 25 percent by fall 2003. In a special meeting held Saturday, March 30, the Library Board of Trustees selected the lowest bidding contractor, Nicholas and Associates of Mount Prospect. The library's \$5 million "Village Green Vista" project entails replacing the 48 year old, one-story structure on the north end of their complex with a larger, modern two-story addition that has a full basement. The architect on this project is Patrick Callahan of Gilfillan and

Callahan in Rolling Meadows.

To prepare for the ground breaking later this month, all library materials and operations were moved into the two story portion of the current building on March 25-27. Throughout this 14-18 month construction and renovation project, the library will continue to provide full access to their collection, maintain regular standards of service, work to minimize disruptions and limit closing dates.

The library's building expansion project will offer: expanded collection areas for all library materials, a patron computer lab, a drive-up

book drop, a patron lounge, beautiful window views of the Village Green, a second elevator, more group study rooms, better accessibility for persons with disabilities, a centralized circulation desk for checkout of both books and audiovisual material, an enclosed store for the Friends of the Library Ongoing Book Sale, two additional community meeting rooms, more public seating, and space for future growth. These new amenities will be enjoyed by generations of community residents and serve to help raise property values and stimulate retail activity in Oak Lawn.

Flutes Unlimited's spring concert

Flutes Unlimited will present their Spring Concert on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. at St. Xavier University, McGuire Hall, 3700 West 103rd Street, Chicago.

Flutes Unlimited is an ensemble of flutists comprised of students from fifth grade through adults. Flutes Un-

limited has three choirs: Tout Suite, Symphonic, and L.T.D., divided according to the age and ability of the musicians. Each group performs alone as well as in combination with over 60 flutists at the finale. The choirs are directed by Martha Morris, AnnaBelle O'Shea,

and Jodie McLawhorn.

Admission is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children and seniors. For more information please call 773-298-3420 or visit our website at www.flutesunlimitedwoodwinds.com, or contact us via email at flutesunlimited@woodwinds.com.

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KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

by Kathy Whirity
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The perilous phase of the war on terrorism, the phase that President Bush warned us about, is now underway. American ground troops in Afghanistan are in engaged in battle with Taliban and Al-Qaeda fighters, and casualties of this war are becoming a bitter reality for us to face.

Immediately after the 9/11 attacks on our country, American showed her true colors in patriotic shades of red, white, and blue. We were stunned but steadfast in our belief that justice would prevail.

At that time, President Bush had concerns that once this war on terrorism escalated to carnage on the battlefield, the American people would withdraw their support and opt instead to return to the pre-September 11th complacency that we, as a nation, had become accustomed to.

This is the hard part: to face the tragedy of knowing lives are being lost, but also knowing that this insidious

enemy has got to be stopped—for the price we pay, if we lose, is our freedom.

Flag-draped coffins carrying our fallen heroes are now coming home to eternal rest, having paid the ultimate price for a country they believe in and loved. Now comes the true test for Americans. It's now time to put our convictions where our good intentions are.

I believe the determination of our vigilant president will get us through these uncertain times. I feel hopeful that this great nation will survive. But—will we ever be able to survive the media and their obsession to report nonsense news?

As an ordinary citizen, hoping to keep abreast of world affairs, I click on the news channel and wonder if anyone can make sense of the media's handling of war coverage. Recently, a reporter was grilling a Military General for specific details on maneuvers in Afghanistan. The wise man of the military

reminded this over-zealous reporter that the enemy also has access to our news coverage, on this war on terrorism, so to please refrain from pursuing such critical information.

That surely makes sense to me. But here's what makes no sense at all: We're now in the midst of the terrifying possibility of our cities being struck by nuclear weapons in the form of "dirty bombs" or "suitcase nukes" which, they say, wouldn't harm us as much physically, but the fear alone would wreak havoc, compromising our sense of well-being. There is something else detrimental to our sanity and that is the absurdity of our beloved media in action.

On the very same program that emphasized that the enemy is as interested in our news affairs as we are, a poll was being taken. Viewers were asked to vote on whether or not they were afraid of "dirty bombs" or "suitcase nukes." Now, I ask you, what good could possi-

bly be gained by obtaining that information? It must be reassuring to the enemy that our own news sources are providing them with the data by which to gauge our fears. It's insane!

Equally insane are the reports coming out of Guantanamo Bay of terrorist detainees being unfairly treated. They are given food that is "religiously" correct, shelter, medical care and mats to kneel on when they pray. It's been reported that human rights activists are claiming cruel and unusual punishment for banning turban wearing after it was determined they could be used to hide weapons, therefore posing a threat to the soldiers guarding them. Should we really be so consumed with what rights these terrorists have in captivity when they've taken the oath, "I state in the presence of God that I will slaughter infidels for my entire life."

These are the same kind of ruthless enemies who heinously tortured and mur-

dered journalist, Daniel Pearl. And while their fellow evil comrades are viciously doing their best to annihilate our sons and daughters in the mountains of Afghanistan, we are held victim to shock TV—the shock of being held hostage to ridiculous news stories on how Guantanamo Bay—the detainees have been granted the right to resume wearing their turbans. It will now be up to the guards to be even more vigilant when checking to see if more than the terrorists' hapless heads are being covered.

President Bush is passionate about winning this war on terrorism. I have every confidence that he will get the job done. But, when it comes to the media's coverage of this war, I wonder how these ridiculous news items are given credence when American lives are being lost.

"Wheel of Fortune" in Chicago

Wheel of Fortune rolls into Chicago

Spin the wheel, pick a letter and solve the puzzle because Wheel of Fortune is coming to Chicago. On April 11-13, Pat, Vanna, and the whole Wheel of Fortune crew will be at Navy Pier taping 15 shows. The Chicago tapings will air during May giving more than 14 million viewers a glimpse of Illinois as a great travel destination.

United Methodist Mother/Daughter banquet

United Methodist Church of Worth

The Women of the United Methodist Church of Worth are sponsoring their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on Friday, May 3 at 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. A catered dinner and entertainment will be included in the ticket price of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-10. Children under 5 are free. Call Marge Hayden at 448-7029 for ticket sales

A memorable film

A film by Michael Prywes, "Mickey Stern" remembers a time of big dreams and no regrets, a time when he had a few more hairs on his head and fewer in his ears. 1950: Mickey Stern (Joshua Fishbein), a wildly naive 17 year old kid, discovers the magical Fire Island for the first time. There, he meets his true love, Leah (Kylie Delre), and courts her. Mickey wants the American Dream—to wear pinstripes as a New York Yankee, to find riches, fame, and love, and to fight the "Commies" in Korea. But, their love doesn't overcome everything, and he and Leah go their separate ways. Full of regrets, Mickey finds himself wishing he could turn back time.

Fifty years later: Mickey (Joseph Bologna) still has dreams of playing for the Bronx Bombers and bringing the world's last remaining "Commies" to justice. He returns to Fire Island with his best friend Harry (Tom Bosley), the New York Bagel Czar. Mickey discovers that the magic has not left Fire Island. He meets a

young woman named Ilana, who bears an uncanny resemblance to Leah. But even more shockingly, he meets a young man who is, quite literally, a 17 year old version of himself. Michael Joshua Stern, the checkout boy at the Seaview Market, shares Mickey's name, his childhood appearance, and his stubborn as a broken down mule personality. Michael is Mickey!

This is Mickey's chance to right past wrongs, and he has just one week to do it. He teaches Michael how to become a better ball player, and how to be a better man. But with slicked-back hair and hormones in maximum overdrive, Michael might not have what it takes to romance Ilana. Ultimately, Mickey discovers that true love cannot be forced, it must be earned, and sometimes, love can be found in the strangest of places.

"Returning Mickey Stern" will be shown in the Blackpoint Film Festival in Lake Geneva on Thursday, April 25, at 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, at 8:00 p.m. at the Geneva 4 Theater.

"Jekyll and Hyde" at Jedlicka

Jedlicka Performing Arts Center

Jedlicka Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Morton College, 3801 S. Central Avenue (Pershing Road and Central Avenue),

"Anything Goes" comes to Drury Lane Oakbrook

Ray Frewen, Artistic Director, of Drury Lane Oakbrook will direct Anything Goes, the first show of the 2002-2003 Subscription Season. Opening April 3, press night is scheduled for April 7, and the show will close on May 26, 2002.

Drury Lane Oakbrook is located at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Performance schedule is as follows: Wednesday at 8 p.m.; Thurs-

Cicero announces the Cook County premiere of "Jekyll and Hyde—The Musical." The show will be presented Friday and Saturday, April 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 7:30 p.m. Call 708-656-3948 for ticket information.

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Oasis Experience offers seminar to help women deal with financial issues surrounding divorce

To help women deal with the financial issues surrounding divorce, The Oasis Experience presents "Surviving the Storm of Divorce: Facing Financial Issues," a half day seminar on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Renaissance Oak Brook Hotel, 2100 Spring Road in Oak Brook. The seminar focuses on the importance of facing financial realities and helping women take control of their personal

financial matters while they go through a divorce.

Featured speaker, Cicily Maton, is a Certified Financial Planner and President of Auquus, at 303 W. Erie in Chicago, a company she founded in 1987 that specializes in divorce planning. Eight-five percent of Maton's clients are women. Indeed, as a stay at home mom who became divorced after a 19 year marriage, Maton is a sympathetic as well as a knowledgeable consultant. She understands in a very personal way the fear, anger, and feeling of being out of

control that are all very common among women experiencing divorce and how these emotions affect women's financial decisions.

This year, Oasis Experience programs include ongoing empowerment groups, a relationship seminar on September 21 and a November 2 seminar on children and divorce, as well as weekend getaways dedicated to education, goal-setting, and self-care. Each program utilizes a holistic approach that nurtures the emotional, physical, spiritual, intellectual, and social aspects of the individual.

They are held in comfortable, fun hotels in nearby places like Lake Geneva and the Chicago area. The focus is positive and centers on offering a safe harbor for rest, relaxation and rediscovery. The camaraderie between women who attend the weekends is powerful and often lasting.

For more information about Oasis as well as seminar times and locations, please call (630) 585-4189. All inquiries are confidential.

Aglow meeting in Burbank

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, May 9, 2002, at the White Rose Banquet Hall, (formerly Burbank Rose) 6501 West 79th Street, Burbank. The featured speaker for May will be Kim Lo Bianco who has been married to her husband Mike for seventeen years. She has three children: Gina, Michael, and Melissa. Kim is active at St. Damian Parish as a lector, currently involved in the Christ Renews His Spirit Retreat and is a CCD teacher for 6th graders.

Tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at 773-767-8031.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents.

Southwest Garden Novices to hold meetings

The Southside Garden Novices invites you to attend these upcoming meetings:

Saturday, May 4 — Annual Perennial Exchange from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Village Hall Gazebo (10455 S. Ridgeland); public invited.

Tuesday, May 14 — Hos-

tas and Grasses, Gregory Miller from AAA Ornamentals. Discussion and sale.

Tuesday, June 11 — Create a living wreath; hands-on workshop. Free to members; guests \$10.

We meet the second Tuesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the

Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10425-55 S. Ridgeland Avenue, enter on the East side of the building. Ample parking. Non-member charge is \$2. For more information call 708-636-7931.

Fashion Fest honors businesswomen

Fashion Show to honor African-American Business Women

Jane Addams Hull House Association's Parkway Community House will honor six African-American business women at "Fashion Fest," an annual fashion show and luncheon fundraiser on May 5. The six awardees are:

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Ertharia Cousin, vice

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Bettye L. Fureron, founder and publisher, Today's Chronicle Newspaper

Sharon D. Oden, esq., Attorney-at-Law

Angela Roudez, publisher and editor-in-chief, Underground Chicago Magazine

Cynthia Williams, president, Austin People's Action Center

The luncheon and fashion

show begin at 1:00 p.m. Models will wear ensembles from numerous boutiques in the local Chicago community. Tickets are \$50, and proceeds will benefit Parkway Community House. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call Larry Alexander, Center Director of Parkway Community House, at (773) 493-1306.

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The Soapbox

"Left on the Defensive" by Paul Beckner

America's most famous adolescent, Bill Clinton, is back on the news this week. His globetrotting, money-making, ex-presidency is the most newsworthy thing Democrats have going right now. FYI, Clinton thinks the Marc Rich pardon was bad politics and claims he spent a lot of money on terrorism. Additionally, Al Gore made some news when he shaved his beard. But other than that, the opposition party is AWOL on the issue debate.

That's not surprising. The last big liberal idea was Hillary-care. The two accomplishments of the Clinton presidency, NAFTA and welfare reform were both watered down versions of conservative initiatives. Clinton's political successes were not the result of an intellectual offensive. He was an accomplished counter-puncher. When conservatives put forward ideas on Medicare, Social Security, tax reform, school choice, and spending cuts, Clinton

used the bull pulpit to stop these ideas in their tracks. He was good at benefiting politically from doing nothing.

But now he's gone, and Democrats still don't want to do anything. Social Security is going broke and the next generation of retirees is being taxed at such a high rate that the return on social security has become grossly unfair. But, the House Democrat's point man on Social Security, Representative Bob Matsui (Calif.), says we don't need to do anything right now. The House Minority Leader, Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.) wants a vote on Social Security—on the President's plan. Gephardt doesn't actually have a plan of his own.

Does anybody understand the Democrats' position on taxes? They say the Bush tax cut was too big, caused the recession, and favored the rich. But they don't support repealing it. Nor do they support making it permanent.

They believe in "fiscal discipline." But they support all of the President's increased spending for defense and

homeland security and oppose his efforts to restrain the budget in other areas. So they actually want more spending and bigger deficits than the president has proposed, but they say he's been irresponsible.

Democrat strategists Carville, Greenburg, and Shrum admit that President Bush appears "to want to tackle major national problems. Behind his ideas is a relatively coherent philosophy—small government, individual freedom, national self-reliance. The policy proposals—tax cuts, privatizing social security, vouchers, pursuing terrorists—are advanced with an unrelenting consistency."

In short, the liberals have become intellectually bankrupt and they know it. So, watch out smarter people than I say, in politics, if you are playing defense, you're losing. And without question, the Left is playing defense. But liberals love to play defense and they have a game plan to scare senior citizens before the mid-term elections.

"We accuse the Republicans of squandering the opportunity to solve our most pressing national problems—to secure Social Security and provide health care coverage during retirement." —Greenburg, Carville, Shrum, March 7, 2002.

Democrat leaders plan to use their perceived credibility to scare seniors with false and misleading information about Social Security.

Their scare message will claim:

Conservatives broke the Social Security lockbox, took money out, and gave it to the rich in tax cuts.

Conservatives looked the other way while their friends, top executives at Enron, looted the company and destroyed the life savings employees had accumulated in their 401k(s). Now Conservatives want to do the same to you with their scheme to privatize Social Security.

Without an effective strategy that educates key segments of the population about real social security reform, we should expect the liberal strategy to work again

in many tight, battleground elections this fall.

How can we stop the scare tactics? Our side needs an aggressive, proactive, and early campaign to provide senior citizens the facts on Social Security. We know what's coming, so rather than try and run away from the issue, let's use the Left's strategy against them. The Left wants this election to be scaring seniors. What happens if they fail because conservatives mounted an effective counter strategy? We can claim a mandate for Social Security reform for 2003. We can turn our ideas into action.

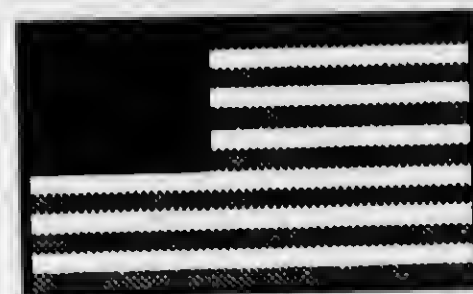
For years the Left has ceded the issue agenda. It is time they start paying a price, rather than reaping rewards for their barren intellectual core.

If you would like to get on your soapbox, write an essay and address it to: Village View Newspaper, 9720 S. Parkside, Oak Lawn, IL, 60453, and we might print it in this section.

"South Pacific" at Mt. Carmel High School

Mt. Carmel Caravan Alley Players presents South Pacific

The Caravan Alley Players from Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "South Pacific" in the Student Center, 6410 S. Dante Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. each evening on Friday, April 19, Saturday, April 20, Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27. Box Office and Theater doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. All general admission tickets can be purchased at the box office upon arrival at the Student Center. Reserved seats can be purchased in advance by calling Sean Daly at 773-324-1020, ext 246.



Garden Club luncheon

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its annual Spring Installation Luncheon in the Chicago Room at Oak Lawn Hilton on April 25. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon followed by installation of officers. Those installed will be: Florence Bordoshuk, president; Marci Strich, vice president; and Marge Clinkman, corresponding secretary. Verne Maras, Rose Bennett, and Mary Lou Vahl are in charge of arrangements.

Computer Classes at Evergreen Park Library

Hands on Computer Classes are being offered at the Evergreen Park Public Library and presented by John Hojek, from Prairie State College, who will give instruction in Microsoft computer applications. There is a \$15 fee for each class, due at registration. The classes

will be offered: Windows for Beginners Tuesday, April 23 from 1-3 p.m.; Word Processing Level 1 Saturday, April 27 from 10-12 noon. Word Processing Level 1 (repeat) Tuesday April 30 from 1-3 p.m. Call the library to register (708) 422-8522.

Connecting with God at Palos Park Presbyterian

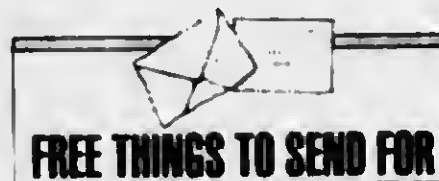
The community is invited to attend the Worship Renewal Weekend "Connecting with God" at Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, 12312 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Park, beginning on Friday evening, April 26, through Sunday morning, April 28.

The purpose of the weekend is to explore how we deepen our connection with God in worship. A children's program will also be held for children 1st through 5th grade.

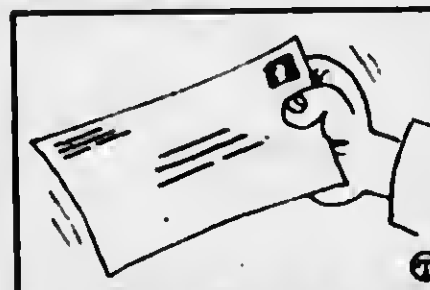
The goal of the weekend is to provide a multi-level learning experience in which the theology of worship is

applied using a wide variety of worship forms. The facilitator of the weekend will be Dr. Emily Brink, editor of the highly respected quarterly journal Reformed Worship. Worship leaders will be leading different styles of worship during the weekend. The leaders are Keith Scherer and the Naperville Presbyterian Church Worship Team, David Anderson from the Ascension Parish in Oak Park, and Dr. Paul Maygar, Minister of Music at Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

For more information and to register contact the church at 708-448-5220.



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All Decked Out

Finally, spring has arrived and nothing cheers the soul more than warm weather, buds unfolding and the sweet smell of fresh cut grass. The trend toward creating functional outdoor living spaces is indeed on the rise as Americans spend more and more leisure time on backyard decks and patios. No matter if your outdoor space is modest or grand, a few stylish, functional updates will help you enjoy your backyard deck or patio all spring and summer.

Examine your deck. Inspect your deck to see if rain penetrates the surface. If the deck is sealed properly the water should bead. If it seeps into the boards, it's time to reseal. Look for those loose boards and protruding nails; if any are found nail them back down.

Add a splash of color. Give your deck some life with an assortment of potted plants and flowers. Hanging baskets and planters lush with greenery keep the color coming. Pick varieties suitable for both shady and sunny spots, with an eye toward vibrant colors. "Deco-

rating the backyard deck with plants, furniture and accessories will help make it feel as warm and inviting as any other room in your home," said Judy Beavers, design consultant at the newest Chicago Home Depot Store in Elston/Levitt.

Include outdoor accessories. Outdoor lights added to the tops of posts and along edges, stairs, and railings keep your space well lit into the evening and provide added safety. Candles can be fun for setting a mood, plus several assortments will steer away unwanted insects. For special occasions, don't be afraid to bring out some of your favorite indoor tabletop linens or your colorful dishes.

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Northwest Airlines sides with Suburban O'Hare Comission

No surprise that O'Hare expansion worries Northwest Airlines

Suburban O'Hare Comission (SOC) issued this statement in response to a significant report that Northwest Airlines, Inc. is withholding its support of the plan to expand O'Hare International Airport, pending the city meeting several airline demands.

That Northwest Airlines, the fourth largest tenant of O'Hare Airport, is concerned about the expansion of O'Hare Airport comes as no surprise to us. Nor are we surprised that a Northwest spokesman would say, "Our experience has been that United opposes any expansion plans of other airlines at their hubs, yet expects cooperation from other airlines at its hubs."

This is the first publicly disclosed fracture of what O'Hare expansion promoters portray as a united industry

front for turning O'Hare into a super port for United and American Airlines, which already control more than 80 percent of the business there. We suspect that Northwest isn't the only worried party about this expansion. This is exactly the kind of problems that are intrinsic in a generalized concept that Congress is supposed to accept without knowing the details.

Northwest expressed another concern raised by SOC: Whether a congressionally mandated expansion of O'Hare would divert federal airport improvement grants from other airports. Northwest also requested that two existing cargo facilities and a hanger at O'Hare, which apparently occupy land needed for new runways, be replaced at no cost. It is not clear whether those relocation costs are included in the city's detailed cost estimates, which have not been publicly disclosed.

Secretary of State White offers traffic safety tips

Illinois' right-of-way law determines who must yield and who may go first in many traffic situations. Although all motorists should be familiar with and obey the right-of-way law, they also should use courtesy and common sense to avoid crashes.

When two vehicles approach an intersection from different roads at the same time and there are no stop signs, yield signs or traffic lights, the driver on the left

must yield to the driver on the right. However, the driver on the right should be prepared to yield if the other driver does not.

When more than one vehicle arrives at the intersection, the first driver to stop should go first, and the others should take their turns cautiously. When two vehicles reach the intersection at the same time, the driver on the left should yield to the driver on the right.

Chicago Southland Visitors Bureau has orientation

New and prospective members of the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau are invited to attend a Bureau Orientation on Wednesday, April 24, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd Street, Lansing, Illinois.

Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau/CEO Jim Garrett says the orientation is designed to given new and prospective members a quick overview of the mission, function, services, and benefits of Bureau mem-

bership, and outline how tourism affects virtually every sector of the Chicago Southland economy.

The orientation lasts approximately 40-45 minutes and is followed by a question and answer period.

New and prospective members interested in attending the free orientation to learn more about the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau are asked to confirm their attendance by Tuesday, April 23 at 708-895-8200.

Drivers must yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic when turning left at an intersection, alley, or driveway. If you are in an intersection with lights, you may finish your left turn even if the light changes to red. If you are not in the intersection when the light turns red,

you must wait for the green light before turning. You also must wait until all crossing traffic has cleared the intersection safely before turning.

When other drivers are not following the rules of the road, be smart and yield the right-of-way to avoid an accident.

Assessor offers tax exemption booklet

Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan announced plans to extend the application deadline for the new property tax exemption booklet. This extension will allow residents as much opportunity as possible to file for any forms of tax relief for which they are entitled. The original deadline of March 29, 2002, has been extended to May 13, 2002.

There are three exemptions that Cook County homeowners must apply for annually. They are the Homeowner Exemption, the Senior Citizen Exemption, and the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption.

For those property owners who did not respond to the first booklet mailing or do not have a copy of the tax exemption booklet, the book-

lets are available at the Village of Orland Park Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, at the Public Information Desk. The Village Hall is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Taxpayer Exemption Booklet instructions and forms may also be downloaded on the Cook County Assessor's Office Interactive Website at www.cook-countyassessor.com, and at local libraries, township assessor offices and at the Cook County Assessor's Office located at 118 N. Clark, Room 301, in downtown Chicago. The Cook County Assessor's Office phone number is 312-443-7550.

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Baseball writer

Meet veteran baseball writer and Evergreen Park resident, John Kuenster, when he presents a program Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and autographing after the program. Register by calling (708) 422-8522.

Dancing at the Willowbrook

Sunday Afternoon Ballroom Dancing Willowbrook Ballroom, 89000 S. Archer Avenue in Willow Springs, will offer ballroom dancing from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, April 28. The Dick Elliott Orchestra will provide live music. Sunday

afternoon ballroom dancing is open to singles and couples of all ages. Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please. Admission is \$12 and parking is free. For more information call 708-839-1000.

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St. Xavier's band to play concert

Saint Xavier University's Concert Band presents a concert on Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. in McGuire Hall, Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago.

Myron McReynolds will direct the University Concert Band in its second performance this semester. The program will feature two multi-movement

works. Robert Jager's "Third Suite," and Gordon Jacob's "William Byrd Suite," both now standards in the concert band repertoire.

Proceeds from the concerts go towards scholarships. Admission is \$6; \$5 for senior citizens and students with valid ID. For more information, please call 773-298-3421.

Mt. Carmel students join National Honor Society

Mt. Carmel High School honors new members of National Honor Society

Mt. Carmel High School's Elysian Chapter of the National Honor Society honored 47 new members. The induction ceremony was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2002. Four areas—Scholarship, Character, Service and Leadership—were considered for acceptance into the National Honor Society membership. The 2002 National Honor Society inductees included:

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Matthew Knight

Mental health awareness programs at Palos Hospital

In observation of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, Palos Community Hospital is offering several programs covering a variety of mental health topics. Registration is required and space is limited for the following programs. To register, call 708-460-2721. All programs will meet at the Primary Center, 15300 West Avenue, Orland Park.

National Anxiety Screening Day - Wednesday, May 1, appointments available at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Managing Stress Effectively - Wednesday, May 8, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Resolving Conflict, Distance, and Power Struggles in Your Marriage - Wednesday, May 15, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Coping with Hazardous Alcohol or Drug Use - Wednesday, May 22, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Strategies to Reduce Parent and Adolescent Conflict - Wednesday, May 29, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Appointments now needed to request passports

Due to the large number of people requesting passport applications, Village Clerk Dave Maher's office will now be taking passport applications by appointment only in order to provide better service. Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Clerk's office is located in Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Please call Clerk Maher's office at 708-403-6150 to make an appointment and for additional information.

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Raffle Winners

McAuley Fathers Club Raffle winners: Sr. Rose Wiorek, RSM, Jessica, Karen and Ron Molnar and Father's Club President, Dr. Dan Meus.

Southwest Symphony performs "Youth Concerto Concert" at Trinity Christian College

The final performance of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra's season will be the "Youth Concerto Concert" on Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Christian College's new Martin and Janet Ozinga Chapel Auditorium. The performance is co-

sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Heck. The winners will show their skills by playing movements from concertos that they have chosen while accompanied by the Southwest Symphony Orchestra. Also in the program is the Karelia Suite by

Sibelius and Symphony No. 4 by Tchaikovsky. Tickets are available for three seating areas ranging in prices from \$16 to \$20. Senior and Student prices available. Children under 12 are free. The Symphony has extended their special offer of Free

Admission to music students from Middle, Junior High, and High Schools. Please call the Southwest Symphony Orchestra at 708-802-0686 for details on special offers and all other ticket information.

Stress Management discussion at Evergreen Park Library

Kim Caulway, M.D., presents an interactive discussion of the signs and symptoms of stress for business people at the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy on Monday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. Stop scheduling your life around your business and

feeling like there is not enough time to fit everything in. Learn to be more productive with less stress. Sip from a soothing selection of flavored teas while being pampered by local area "pampering" experts.

Stress Management is the

third of the Small Business Support Program seminars scheduled at the library, as part of a joint project between the Evergreen Park Chamber and the Evergreen Park Library. The seminars center on developing awareness of business-related is-

sues and offer a forum for small business and community networking. Registration is required. Please call the library at 422-8522. Funding for the program was provided by a state grant.

Village of Worth offers Health Screenings

The Village of Worth will host a health screening on Saturday, May 11, 2002, at the Terrace Centre located at 115th and Beloit. Life Line Screening will scan the carotid artery in the neck for plaque build up, which can lead to stroke, and the arteries in the legs for peripheral arterial disease, which is linked to heart disease. They also offer a third test for aneurysms in the aortic vessel in the abdomen. Life Line will also offer on that day a bone density screening for men (this is a new screening) and women to test for

osteoporosis. This is a preventive program, and with early detection, these problems can be treated. The results are sent directly to you and referred back to your own doctor. These tests, which are non-invasive, completely painless and take only about ten minutes each, are offered for forty dollars a piece. Purchase the three vascular screenings for \$99 a savings of \$21. Pre-registration is a must. Call 1-800-407-4557 for your appointment or for more information.

Conscious Creation workshop at Orland Township Center

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center offers Wellness Workshops for the spring season. Call 708-597-2000 ext. 4222 to register.

Exploring Conscious Creation on Thursday, May 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This class will be held at the Orland

Township Center located at 15100 94th Avenue in Orland Park. When was the last time you experienced something truly "out of the box?" Treat yourself to an exciting workshop offering inspiration and insight into how you create your reality. The cost is \$30.

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★ MILITARY NEWS ★

Air Force Airman Patrick T. Hughes has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Shawn Hughes of Chicago. Hughes is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Chicago.

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Navy Ensign Benjamin E. Rhodes, a 1995 graduate of Morgan Park Academy, Chicago, recently returned from a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the dock landing ship USS Comstock, home ported in San Diego.

Rhodes is one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Carl Vinson Carrier Battle Group and USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group who were among the first to respond to our nation's

call to fight terrorism, proudly participating in Operation Enduring Freedom.

While in the North Arabian Sea, sailors from the USS Comstock assisted the USS Dubuque in rescuing 16 Indian sailors when their ship was taking on water. Though the attempts to repair the ship were unsuccessful, the crew donated food, clothing and more than \$1,000 to help the Indian sailors.

USS Comstock supports amphibious operations using landing craft air cushions or "LCACS," which are specially-designed Hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces and deliver vehicles and equipment. The ship also has conventional landing craft and helicopters embarked, and is equipped with medical facilities staffed by Navy doctors, dentists, nurses, and corpsmen.

Hike in gas prices may slow economy

Just as the nation's economic recovery appeared to be catching steam, along came a most unwelcome—though inevitable—side effect: higher gasoline prices. The average cost of a gallon of gas rose sharply over the past month to hit \$1.34 just before Easter weekend.

The 20 percent increase is

the most rapid rise over a four-week period since the government began surveying pump prices in 1990. The demand figures tracked by the American Petroleum Institute are so strong—nearly 3 percent above last year at this time—that some analysts attribute to the rise to drivers' desires to emerge from

post-September 11 cocooning.

"Summer driving season seems to be kicking off a bit early," says Phil Flynn of Alaron Research. "People want to get out on the open

road. And if the trend continues, we have a real strong possibility of seeing record gas demand this summer." Sharply higher energy prices could put a brake on the economy.

President Bush commends code officials

In a recent letter to the International Code Council, President George W. Bush recognized the importance that code officials play in the safety of our nation.

"I commend the code officials and members of the construction industry who work with local, state, and federal governments to provide a reliable system of building safety regulations," wrote President Bush. "By ensuring the dependability of building structures and workplace safety across our country, you help protect the well-being of countless lives."

The White House sent the greeting in observation of International Building Safety Week, an annual event held on the second week of April. International Building Safety

Week, April 7-13, is the perfect time to increase public awareness of the life-safety services provided by local and state building departments.

This year's theme, Setting the Standard for Building Safety, is aimed at raising the public's level of awareness and appreciation of building safety. Code officials around the country will use this occasion to educate the public about ways they can ensure the safety of the buildings they live and work in.

To view a copy of the President's letter, to read more about International Building Safety Week, and to learn more about the International Code Council's programs and activities, visit our website at www.intlcode.org.

"Spring Into Fitness" at the Oak Lawn Park District

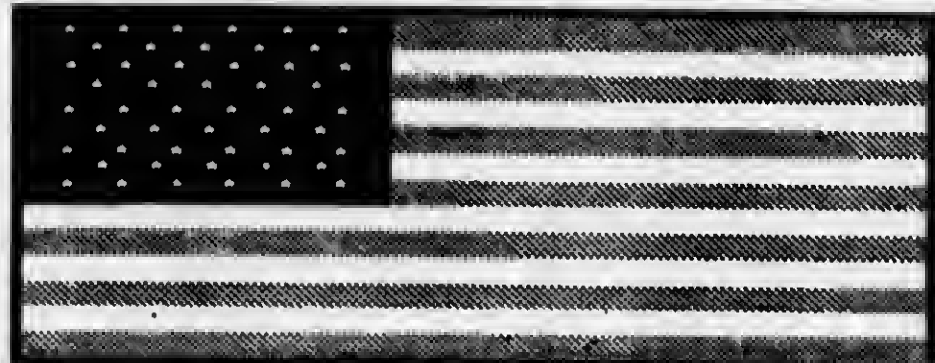
Area residents can find quality, affordable fitness programs at the Oak Lawn Park District that will help them get in shape for the summer. Space remains in several fitness classes this season, available at two locations: the Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.) and the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.)

Community Pavilion fitness programs include: No-Jump Aerobics (beginning April 29); Aerobics (beginning April 29); Bench-Step Aerobics (beginning April 29); Health walking (beginning May 20); Beginning

Kickboxing (beginning April 30); Kickboxing (beginning April 29); and Body Pump (beginning April 29).

Spring fitness programs at the Oak View Center include: Pilates-Based Strength and Stretch Conditioning (beginning May 14); Yoga Fitness (beginning May 1); and Taekwondo (beginning April 22).

Various days and times are available for these programs. For schedule and fee information, please call (708) 857-2420 (Pavilion) or (708) 857-2200 (Oak View Center), or email info@olparks.com.



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O'Malley's "born alive" legislation approved by Illinois Senate

All "born-alive" infants will have the same legal rights, no matter what the circumstances of their birth, under legislation sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) and approved April 4 by the Illinois Senate.

Senate Bills 1661 and 1662 provide medical alternatives to cases in Illinois when aborted infants have been born alive and not provided any type of medical assessments and/or care.

Senate Bill 1661 creates a cause of action if a child is

born alive after induced labor abortion or any other abortion and the doctor or health-care provider harms or neglects the child or fails to provide medical care to the child after the child's birth. Senate Bill 1662 defines "born-alive infants" to include every infant of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development.

Senate Bills 1661 and 1662 now move to the House of Representatives for further consideration. O'Malley sponsored similar legislation

last year that was approved by the Senate but defeated in a House of Representatives committee.

On postponed consideration in Senate Bill 1663, which requires that children born alive receive all reasonable measures consistent with good medical practice and have a physician on hand who is not involved in the birthing procedure to independently assess the infant's viability and provide medical care if needed.

Senate approves plan to help seniors save on prescrip-

tion drugs

Senior citizens at all income levels will have more options to help pay for their prescription drugs, under legislation approved April 4 by the Illinois Senate, according to State Senator Patrick O'Malley.

Senate Bill 2098 will help consumers save money by giving them broader access to information about the public and private programs that provide discounts on prescription drugs.

Supported by AARP, Senate Bill 2098 requires: Infor-

mation Clearinghouse - Through an expanded Senior Health Assistance Program, senior citizens can access information on public and private discount programs through a toll-free information hotline or onsite information at local Area Agencies on Aging and senior citizen centers. Catastrophic Assistance Study - The state's Comprehensive Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will study the need for catastrophic pharmaceutical assistance coverage options for those senior citizens who do

not qualify for public discount programs, but pay a high percentage of their income (10 to 15 percent) for prescription drugs. Oversight - A commission of legislative and public members will oversee the state's prescription drug discount programs and recommend future changes. Senate Republicans have pledged that they will ask a representative of AARP to be a member of this commission. Senate Bill 2098 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

Seminar teaches business survival in a down economy

In cooperation with the Village of Oak Lawn, the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will offer a free business seminar on Wednesday, May 15, at the Hilton Oak Lawn's Astoria Ballroom. Business Survival in a Down Economy, presented by David Gay of the Small Business Development Center in DuPage County, will help

business owners handle the issues related to a slowing economy.

The seminar will begin with breakfast and check-in from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., followed by the business presentation from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Hilton Oak Lawn is located at 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

While the event is free,

pre-registration is required. To attend, place your reservation at LaSalle Bank at 708-423-7800. The registration deadline is Friday, May 3. For more information, call the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce at 708-424-8300.

"A Touch of Class" in Beverly

The Beverly Hills Auxiliary of Mary Bartelme Homes will host the organization's annual dinner dance at the Beverly Country Club, 87th Street and Western Avenue, on Saturday, April 27, 2002. Funds raised at "A Touch of Class" will benefit the young women who live in group homes, which are supported by the Beverly Hills Auxiliary of Mary Bartelme Homes. This year's dance

also honors the memory of Jane Page, a long-time active member who is dearly missed.

Judge Mary Bartelme established the first Mary Bartelme Home in 1933 as a haven for young girls who, otherwise, could not assimilate in the foster care system. As a judge assigned to juvenile court, Mary Bartelme recognized the need to assist at-risk girls who came before her bench. Today the Mary

Bartelme Auxiliary assists six residential homes located in the Chicago metropolitan area.

For dinner dance reservations at \$75 per person, or to make a scholarship fund contribution in memory of Jane Page, please contact Chairpersons Margaret Heywood at 773-239-1664 or send a check by mail to Eve Dudek, 703 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60605.

Viverito moves against General Assembly pay raises

Senator Viverito votes to forgo his general assembly pay raise

In two votes cast, State Senator Louis Viverito (D-Burbank) voted to abolish a cost of living increase for members of the General Assembly, as well as Illinois' Judges, State's Attorneys and state constitutional officers. Others who will not be receiving the benefit of a cost of living increase are mem-

bers of State departments, agencies, boards, and commissions.

"In these times of economic distress, it is important that the State's elected officials lead the way in solving the budget shortfall," Senator Viverito said. "We could not legitimately relate to those individuals who will lose part of their salary or even their job after voting for a pay raise for ourselves. It

would be a slap in the face."

In another vote, Senator Viverito voted to disapprove a report of the Compensation Review Board that called for increased salaries for Associate Judges in Illinois. That report also included a provision giving judges a pension boost by making a 3 percent contribution of judicial salaries to the Judges Retirement System.

Earlier in the year, Gover-

nor Ryan offered major budget cuts, which included a one-day unpaid furlough for state employees under the Governor's control, Senator Viverito said he believed the proposal should be extended to all elected officials and their staffs. If the Governor enacts large-scale layoffs of employees under his control, Senator Viverito believes the furlough should include other constitutional officials

along with their employees, as well as members of the General Assembly and the Supreme Court and their staffs.

"We will make it through this budget crisis, we first must all work together and make the sacrifices needed to minimize the cuts we have to make in the budget," said Viverito.

Sheriff's program teaches students the three D's

On April 19, students from Richards High School in Oak Lawn will participate in an interactive educational exhibit which illustrates the dangers of drinking and driving, according to the office of Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The 3-D Program (Drinking + Drugs = Destruction) is a first of its kind, hands-on simulation designed to give a whole new perspective of how using drugs or alcohol can affect a person's ability to drive and perform simple physical tasks.

According to both national and state studies, alcohol-related crashes are the number

one cause of death among young people between the ages of 16 and 24. During a typical weekend in the United States, an average of one teen dies every hour in a crash, with almost 50 percent of the accidents involving the use of alcohol.

"This program will certainly not mark the first time that these students are reminded about the grave dangers of drinking and driving and it probably won't be the last, but we think we have developed something special that will capture the attention of teenagers and make a lasting impression," Sheahan said.

The 3-D Program contains six separate hands-on exhibits that students go through in a 50-minute time frame. The first is called "The Convincer," which is a mechanism that simulates an actual auto collision at 7 miles per hour. Two crash test dummies are placed in the Convincer, one wearing a seatbelt and one without. The display shows that even at a slow rate of speed, injuries in a collision can be severe.

Four exhibits involve the use of the "Fatal Vision" goggles, which simulate being intoxicated at various levels of impairment. Students are asked to perform a

wide variety of tasks both with and without the goggles to give them a personal understanding of the difference between performing tasks while sober or intoxicated. Wearing the goggles, students walk a straight line, shoot a basketball, drive a golf cart, and play a video driving game.

In addition, students will be exposed to the latest in advanced technology utilized by law enforcement in DUI enforcement. This includes a demonstration of an instrument called "Eye Check," a non-invasive test that can be performed to provide an immediate read on a person's

alcohol, drug, or fatigue level. In addition, students will view a "Dead or Alive" computer simulation that utilizes their own personal data such as sex, weight, car type and speed to simulate an auto accident and the resulting collision.

For more information about the Cook County Sheriff's 3-D Program or to schedule it for your school, please contact the Sheriff's Office of Preventive Programs at 708-974-6060.

Oak Lawn Kiwanis

Deborah Ripper, Naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. following a 6:30 dinner at Old Barn Restaurant, 8100 S. Parkside, in Burbank.

Martha Hamend, coordinator, announced that Ripper will explain the recreation and conservation available within the Forest Preserves.

Deborah has been assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs. She is a graduate of Elmhurst College where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and Spanish.

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"Cavalcade of Concert Bands" at Moraine

The Southwest Community Concert Band, under the direction of Ray Forlenza, presents its thirteenth annual "Cavalcade of Concert Bands" on Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills. Joining the SWCCB will be: The Tinley Park Arts Alive Band, under the direction of Steve Platko; The West Suburban Concert Band, under the direction of Henry Hionrs, and The Orland Park Community Band, under the direction of Bill Schuetter.

Each band will perform individually, with the evening culminating in all of the bands performing (en masse) "America the Beautiful" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Admission is \$5. For more information, please visit the SWCCB website at swcommunityband.com, or call 708-636-4678.

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Costumed folk artisans

will provide live demonstrations of more than 50 folk arts. Among the demonstrations will be metal engraving, bargello, rug braiding, bobbin lace, wood burning design, bead work, decorative box construction, weaving, spinning, gourd painting, cross stitch, embroidery, country store, broom making, first-person historical narratives, music and enter-

tainment.

The Chicago Lace Guild will be represented. The Canallers Group will entertain. The DuPage Valley Settlers with the well-known Art and Diane Mate will be present as will the Blackhawk Chapter of the National Railway Society.

Pioneer Settlement is located on Illinois Route 7, one block west of Illinois Route

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Oak Forest decides on summer street program

by Jude Coyle

The Oak Forest City Council met on April 9, 2002. The first order of business was to commend and award a citizen for her help in apprehending an armed robber. Mayor Patrick Gordon spoke, thanking a woman he referred to only as 'Michelle'. He said he preferred not to use her real name because her actions might put her in jeopardy. On March 6 Michelle came across a vehicle in a residential area in which the driver was acting peculiar. She provided the police with a description of the vehicle, make, color and license number. A Coke driver was held up later. He provided a description of the vehicle driven by his assailant. As the two descriptions matched, Michelle was called into the station later to identify the man she saw.

The Council spoke of plans for street repairs. Engineer Lou Houseman reported that parts of Menard, Rob Roy, Berry, Concha, Oxford, Walnut and Chaucer needs the most work and therefore will be targeted this summer for improvements.

Alderman Simon asked if the City will have to make repairs again on these streets in five years, or if something can be done about the drainage problems. Mr. Houseman replied that the City does not have the money available. On Alderman Wechet's suggestion, Mr. Houseman agreed to looking into 4 inch under drains.

A motion to appropriate \$606,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds towards the repair and maintenance of City streets was made. The vote was called, and the measure passed with Alderman Olszewski opposing it.

An ordinance clarifying the duties of the community development coordinator. According to Mayor Gordon and Clerk Burkhardt, this measure was taken in order to change the chain of command. The Public Works Department would now report to the Administrator.

Another personnel matter came before the Council. Mayor Gordon asked that Mark A. Judge be appointed to the Economic Development Commission. Both

matters were approved.

Next the Mayor asked the Council to lift the moratorium on condo conversions. He had no paperwork to offer, said only that the Council had passed a new ordinance concerning conversions at an earlier meeting, but as long as the moratorium was still in place, the ordinance did little good. The Council agreed to lift it.

Former Alderman Verla Clevenger spoke before the Council. She said first, that she did not speak at the last meeting because Treasurer Dwayne Fox did not attend. She turned her first remarks to him, asking why he paid the bills and not the City Administrator. She asked several times during her speech if Administrator Kent Royster had the experience to handle his office.

She spoke about a grant for \$100,000 that the City was awarded through State Senator Patrick O'Malley's office. The City has spent \$250,000, but has not received anything from the State. She hated to see that go to waste, so she called

O'Malley's office about it. She was told that the grant is sitting on a desk in Springfield, awaiting more paperwork. Again she asked if the City Manager had enough experience to handle his job. Did he know how to fully obtain a grant?

She commented that former Treasurer Joanne Kelly tried to tell Mayor Gordon about over spending five years before, but no one paid attention. Ms. Clevenger asked about driveways in Tinley Park that were paved with money from Oak Forest. She had filed a 'freedom of information' form for copies of the invoices for the work done on those driveways. Mike Feeley returned her form to her with a note typed on the bottom saying that those invoices had been destroyed. She still has that note.

Mayor Gordon responded by thanking Ms. Clevenger for filing a complaint with Cook County about the City destroying records. He said that someone had come out to investigate, and found nothing wrong.

Clerk Burkhardt reported that he had placed a moratorium on destroying records two weeks earlier. He explained State statute requires him to hold on to all forms 7, 5 or 3 years, depending on what the form was. Everything is stored on the property, of which there is very little room. In order to destroy something, he is required to file forms with the State Archives describing what it is he plans to destroy, and await their permission before proceeding.

foot carry-out pizza restaurant with no seating.

An ordinance granted an amendment to a special use permit to Winterset III to combine three lots into one. Another ordinance allows the construction of four office buildings on the new single lot.

Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church asked for a special use permit to reduce the size of their side yard and increase the size of their parking lot. They are adding 26 parking spaces for a total of 70. The east side of their property will give them a green space of 8 feet. They must agree to continue to use that property as green space. They must also plant 5-caliper ornamental trees along the north side of the property by June 30. Any new signs must meet the Village code, and lighting plans for the new parking lot must be submitted to the Engineering Department.

Biaggios Restaurant requested a special use permit allowing outdoor seating for 233. They must agree to conform to the Village's building code, and must not exceed 200 seats until they are able to reach an agreement with Orland Mall for additional parking. The petitioner must agree to meet landscaping

requirements, and share the costs of building a sidewalk along the south side of their property. This was approved.

W.B. McCloud & Co., Inc. of Schaumburg will be responsible for the 2002 season for aquatic weed control. The Village retains the sole discretion of retaining W.B. McCloud for a second and third year. A three year contract will cost the Village \$20,000. K-5 Construction Corp. of Lemon was awarded the Asphalt Material contract for the years 2001-02. Helsel-Jepperson Electrical, Inc. of Chicago Heights will provide street light material in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. This will be in effect during 2002 only. Hall Signs, Inc. of Bloomington IN were awarded the street sign material contract for the 2001-02 fiscal year. Ozinga Illinois RMC, Inc. of Mokena was awarded the contract for bulk concrete, not to exceed \$30,000. Finally, TruGreen Chem Lawn of Crestwood, IL was awarded the bid for fertilization and broadleaf weed control for 2002. The cost is \$6,074. The Village can renew this contract for 2003 at the same price.

The Board authorized \$40,000 from the Contingency Fund to pay for the underground of a main feeder line on Southwest Highway, between LaGrange and 143rd Street.

The Board voted to increase elevator inspection fees. The cost of semiannual inspection will rise from \$45 to \$50. A new elevator plan review will increase from \$60 to \$75. New elevator inspections will increase from \$45 to \$75.

As a last note, the Board voted to back the Village of Homer Glen in attaining a separate zip code. Homer Glen incorporated last year. Village Board President Daniel McLaughlin pointed out that this is something that the Village of Evergreen Park fought for a very long time.

Orland Park prepares for summer

by Jude Coyle

Eagle Scout Erick Bennett III was recognized at the April 1, 20002 meeting of the Orland Park Village Board of Trustees. Mr. Bennett is a member of Troop 318. Eagle Scout is the highest award in Boy Scouts and is very difficult to earn. As part of the program, an Eagle Scout candidate must perform an approved community service project. Mr. Bennett collected toys and necessities for the Cornerstone Community Outreach, which is a shelter for abused women and chil-

dren.

The Village Board passed a number of ordinances and resolutions in preparation for spring and summer.

A resolution was passed by the Board authorizing the temporary closure of Route 45 on the day of the Orland Days Parade. Alderman Dodge suggested that Village officials sit down with the Lyons Club, of which he is a member, and find an alternate parade route next year. He

felt that it is too much to close down LaGrange as 50,000 cars a day travel that route.

The Board approved an amendment to the special use permit to reconstruct a BP Connect service station, car wash and convenience store. The developer must adhere to the following conditions. The canopy is used as a decorative element and is not wired for lighting. The final engineering plans must show how used water from the car wash will drain into the sanitary sewers. The

landscape plan must meet the requirements of the Village's landscape ordinance. The petitioner must ensure that the building elevations include a light brown shade of brick (not painted) for a more earth-toned appearance.

A special use permit was approved for Taylor Street Pizza Warehouse, which is located in the Stoneridge Centre of Orland, at 11128 W. 179th St.. This is for the operation of a 1,375 square

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German Fest in Oak Lawn On Saturday, May 4, 2002, from 5 to 9 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oak Lawn, 4660 W. 94th Street (1 block east of Cicero Avenue), will host their lively German Fest, featuring dining and dancing to the music of Eddie Wagner's Band. This annual, fun-filled event will be held

at the church in Fellowship Hall. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$6, which will include the price of admission and \$7 in refreshment tickets. For those preferring to wait until the night of the dance, admission is only \$2, and refreshments will be reasonably priced.

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Oak Lawn natives rock the children's book market

Three former graduates of Oak Lawn High School have joined forces with The ScribbleBooks Company, a publisher and retailer of children's books and music.

James Dague (OLCHS Class of 1984), president of The ScribbleBooks Company, Inc., doing business as ScribbleSongs Entertainment, is pleased to announce the release of its debut children's recording: Best of Friends by ScribbleMonster & His Pals.

The songs are performed in character voices based on the popular series of ScribbleMonster books.

Dague wrote all of the songs and performs on the recording, playing guitar and keyboard. Dague, who was recently invited to be a part of Oak Lawn High School's 50th Anniversary All-Star Forensics/Drama Team, also provides the voices of ScribbleMonster and ScribbleBunny. Jayne Saniat (formerly Andersen, OLCHS Class of 1982) adds the fun vocal stylings that make

ScribblePiggy come to life, and Joyce Stuart (for-

merly Lyons, OLCHS Class of 1985) graces the recording as ScribbleKitty. Also performing on the disc are current Oak Lawn resident Brian Hufnagl on bass guitar and trombone, and Brett Goral of Palos Park on drums. The ScribbleBand are veteran Chicago-area performers and clock in with a total of 14 children of their own, 34 combined years of parenting and over 100 years of creating, teaching and performing music, comedy and theater.

Available on compact disc and cassette, Best of Friends aims to build self-esteem and inspire creativity in children ages 1 to 8.

Best of Friends showcases 14 original tunes better characterized as "family songs" than children's songs because they were crafted with all audiences in mind - even parents! The CD is now available at amazon.com for the list price of \$14.99 and will be in stores June 18th.

Both the CD and cassette are also available through the company's Web site at www.scribblebooks.com for

publisher direct discounted pricing, or by calling toll-free 1-866-823-4428.

Best of Friends is designed to stimulate creative expression and encourage participation. There are plenty of opportunities for singing, dancing, marching and pretending. The songs may be heard at amazon.com and on the company's site for kids at www.scribblemonster.com.

Listeners are invited to make animal noises on "A Monster Goes Rrrraargh!", to make up their own song lyrics on "Hooray!" and to invent their own dance steps on "Dance Party".

Best of Friends also features songs to help make transitions easier such as "The Bedtime March" and "Pick Up the Toys", as well as a bath time song, "Scrub-a-Dub".

James Dague, creator and illustrator of ScribbleMonster, said "The lyrics are for kids, but there is nothing explicitly kiddie about the music. This is guitar-based pop music that parents won't mind being subjected to over

Charlie started to live with Linda after he was 21 in order to keep him from being institutionalized. He is now his own guardian.

During the pre-show, Cher's music was piped in, revving up fans who were already excited about seeing the superstar.

Charlie listens to a wide variety of music and used to be a fan of Heavy Metal music, though now he favors to listen to the oldies.

His opinion of Cher is very vague for it was Linda who was most familiar with the singer, but he was introduced to Cher when he was 13. "You either hate her, love



Congratulating Anne Laschober and Joe Laschober at St. Bernadette Church recently are left to right: Loraine Nowak, Rose Stella, Joe and Anne Laschober, Bea Vogtas and Rev. Gary Miller, Pastor of St. Bernadette Church in Evergreen Park.

Local seniors received awards

by Annette Dixon

Recently, Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan presented individually, Joe and Anne Laschober a senior medal of honor award. In April, Joe and Anne, went to the Cultural Center in Chicago along with many recipients from various communities. They were pictured with Sheriff Sheahan, and receive a plaque along with the medal of honor. This award was granted to individuals who were exemplary in volunteerism in their community. They were sponsored by community leaders and in this case, Joe and Anne Laschober, and John Brazzale, all from Evergreen Park were selected by Mayor Jim Sexton.

her or like her," Charlie says, aptly describing Cher's unique brand of stardom, "She'll be history, but her music will live on."

For a young man, he is very mature and wise. He is willing to learn, noise does bother him but at Linda's house, he gets use to it.

Charlie has his own life, he surely enjoys being served and Linda is great as a mother hen. She says, "sometimes he just fends for himself." Charlie just give me that look of his.

Charlie was born on a very memorable day, November 22, 1964. Because of his age, he's able to belong to Funtastics from the Oak Lawn Park District and go to shows, theatre, restaurants with the group. Not all events are weekly, but meetings are and it seems it gives him the social contacts he desires.

He works five days a week at Helping Hand in LaGrange packaging and mailing processing.

If you are interested in emailing Charlie, contact him at enp1122@aol.com he'll enjoy communicating with you.



Charles Peer pictured at his computer

Then is then, now is now and Cher is Cher

By Annette Dixon

One needs to see life as it is and Charlie Peer sees it just that way. We all have our catchphrases, and Charlie's is "then is then and now is now."

Recently, Charlie, son of Linda Stearns of Oak Lawn, went to the Oprah Show to be with Cher.

It was an exciting trip for Charlie, who's life was not exactly happy until he met Linda.

Linda first met Charlie at Misericordia when he was 4 years old, and shortly afterward she became the first teenage foster parent in the State of Illinois.

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Heilmann replaces Corcoran on park district board

At a special meeting held recently, the Oak Lawn Park District Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to replace Commissioner Patricia Corcoran -- who re-

signed from the board in March due to a change of residence status -- with Dave Heilmann, an Oak Lawn resident and former park district commissioner.

Heilmann will be officially appointed at the next Oak Lawn Park District Board of Commissioners' meeting on Monday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn. Heilmann's term will last until the next commissioner election in April, 2003.

Animal Control has many layers

by Jude Coyle

I don't know if newspapers have reported more about animals lately, or if I noticed more because I've been working on this story. A few weeks ago, animal control officers helped to relocate an akudamunde from an apartment in Hickory Hills. A woman died in Justice. Officials found over 100 cats in her home. A man in Will County was arrested after evidence of cockfights was discovered on his farm. Federal agents announced last week that they had arrested a butcher who sold the meat of endangered animals. A man from Oak Lawn made the newspaper alter beating his dog with a chain. The dog died.

Animal control is a difficult job at best, and it seems a many-layered job. It is maintaining the health of pets, wildlife, of pet owners, and the general public, as humanely as possible.

Ingrid Mickna is the animal warden responsible for relocating that akudamunde. "It looks like a raccoon," Ingrid explained. "With a long, skinny nose." The animal, which is from South America, is currently residing at a kennel.

Ingrid is employed as animal warden by both Worth and Hickory Hills. She also works part time at a south suburban animal clinic.

As animal warden she is required to trap strays. "Humanely," she emphasized. "I've taken lots of cats to Animal Welfare," she added. "A lot of cats."

Hickory Hills, she said, limits residents to two uncaged animals. She'd like to see the same limits in Worth. "People sometimes go overboard. Taking on

more than they can handle," Ingrid explained.

She receives a lot of calls from Hickory Hills concerning wildlife. "Hickory Hills is right up against the Forest Preserves," she said. Talking about raccoons, she said, "We can no longer climb on roofs. Insurance regulations." Instead, she calls licensed trappers. They will relocate or reintroduce wildlife into the wild.

Asked if she had any advice to pass along, she stuck to those things we've all heard again and again, what we promise to do no matter what, but sometimes put off or forget. "Spay or neuter," she said. "Keep pets on their leashes, and keep up their vaccinations."

Evergreen Park limits the number of uncaged animals to three. According to Village Clerk Cathy Aparo, the Village is able to keep track not only of the number of animals in each household, but also whether rabies vaccinations are up to date. "It's time consuming," Cathy explained. "If people don't bring rabies information with them, we have to call the animal hospital for the rabies number. If I could recommend anything, it's that people bring the number with them." A license in Evergreen Park costs \$5. They are in effect from May until April each year.

Another subject Cathy deals with on a daily basis is disposing of dead animals. "Crows we've found," she explained. "We've sent out to be tested for West Nile virus." Other animals are picked up by property owners if on private property, or by the scavenger service if they are in the area on that day, or by Public Works. Cathy wasn't sure what Public Works does with the carcasses.

Brian from Land-In-Lakes Scavenger Service said, "Small raccoons or squirrels usually. We throw the carcasses in the back of the truck. Then we dump them in the landfill with the rest of the garbage."

Karen Dillon, Office Manager at Animal Welfare League explained that her employer takes in pets from owners and strays from municipalities. The

Animal Welfare League has a full service clinic and adoption service.

When an animal is taken in, it is given a full exam, and treated for injuries and illnesses. Some illnesses, like toxic plasmosis or feline leukemia can't be treated. Those animals are destroyed.

The League will hold an animal for ten days in hopes that its owner will claim it. After that, it's eligible for adoption.

"We have rabbits and guinea pigs," she said. "We don't turn anything away." Wildlife, she explained, is turned over to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Some rare animals, she said, have to be turned over to licensed specialists within 24 hours.

The Animal Welfare League has been called on to investigate animal cruelty. "Malnutrition is the biggest problem," Karen explained. "Once we had a puppy with its foot caught in a trap."

She did not read about the cockfighting ring in Will County. But, she explained, the League, certainly tries to get involved in situations like that. Animal Welfare investigators will accompany local animal wardens and police when necessary.

Animal Welfare was called in to remove 129 cats from that home in Justice. The cats that could be treated and put up for adoption, were. Others were euthanized. Others yet, are being 'socialized.' Cats who are not made accustomed to humans within the first few weeks of life, might remain distant to humans, or even turn wild.

Unfortunately dogs and cats both can become overly aggressive or mean. Those have to be destroyed.

Asked about what recommendations she could pass on to pet owners, she talked about a microchip that can be implanted in an animal's ear. "Proper I.D. is the biggest problem with stray animals," Karen said. The microchip has identification information imbedded in it.

Currently the Animal Welfare League is offering to adopt out cats, one or 2 for \$30, or dogs for

\$75. The price includes spaying, neutering and shots. The Animal Welfare League is located at 10305 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge.

Dr. Dan Palmer, Administrator of Cook County Animal Control spoke about wildlife. "If the wildlife isn't bothering anyone, there isn't much we can do."

Coyotes are everywhere, he said. And they aren't afraid of people. Several coyotes have been sited behind Chateau Bu Sche on 115th and Cicero.

Deer, he said, are often sited at Oak Forest Hospital, and on the tarmac at O'Hare. And raccoons, he said, are common on city streets.

Dr. Palmer made his recommendations quickly and emphatically. "Do not feed wild life. Do not bottle feed babies. Secure garbage can lids. And make sure domestic animals are vaccinated." When fed by humans, wild animals lose their fear of humans. They will bite, and they can pass along illnesses to unvaccinated pets through their bites.

Library to break ground

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will hold a formal ground breaking ceremony to commence their 2002-2003 building expansion project on Sunday May 19 at 2 p.m. It will take place outside the Raymond Avenue entrance.

This historic event will recognize 68 years of library service and their dedication to building on a solid foundation for the future of all Oak Lawn residents. Speeches will be given by Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb, Library Board President Joann Buschbach and Library Director Dr. James B. Casey. The Library's Board of Trustees and other local dignitaries will be involved in "breaking ground" with ceremonial shovels.

"Village Green Vista" is a \$5.2 million project which will enable the library to replace the 48 year old, one story building on the north end of the complex with a modern 2-story facility that has a full basement. This 14-18 month expansion project will increase the facility 25% by the fall of 2003.

Oak Lawn Library collecting stamps for OXFAM

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., continues to collect canceled

postage stamps for OXFAM (Oxford Famine Relief), an Oxford, England based organization that packages and sells the stamps to raise funds for projects that help poor, starving and homeless people worldwide. The OXFAM drop off receptacle is at the library's recently relocated Circulation Desk on the first floor. You may donate canceled U.S., worldwide, and bulk mail stamps year-round.

For more information call (708) 422-4990.

May is fun for kids at Chicago Ridge Library

May activities for children at Chicago Ridge Public Library

Children ages 3-13 are invited to the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford Ave., on Saturday, May 11 to make a Mother's Day gift and card for mom or grandma. Participants may drop in between the hours of 10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 to make their gifts. Registration is required and may be done in person or by calling the library 708.423.7753. Children ages 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Three "Drop in Craft" days are planned for May at the Chicago Ridge Public Library. On Thursday, May 9, 16, and 23 from 1:30-4:00 a variety of craft projects will be available to children age 3-13. Children ages 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult.

A Fire Safety Story Time is offered two times in May. It will be given at 6:30PM on Wednesday, May 15, and repeated at 6:30 on Thursday, May 30. Children age 3 to grade 3 may register for either one. Adults must accompany children 3-5 and must remain in the building during the Story Time. This special Story Time will feature stories about Fire Safety as well as a visit from Chicago Ridge Fire Department Dave Bricker. Registration is required and may be done in person or by calling the library at 708.423.7753.

No registration is necessary—just "drop in"! For more information contact the Youth Services Department of the library, 708.423.7753.

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Library website has construction updates

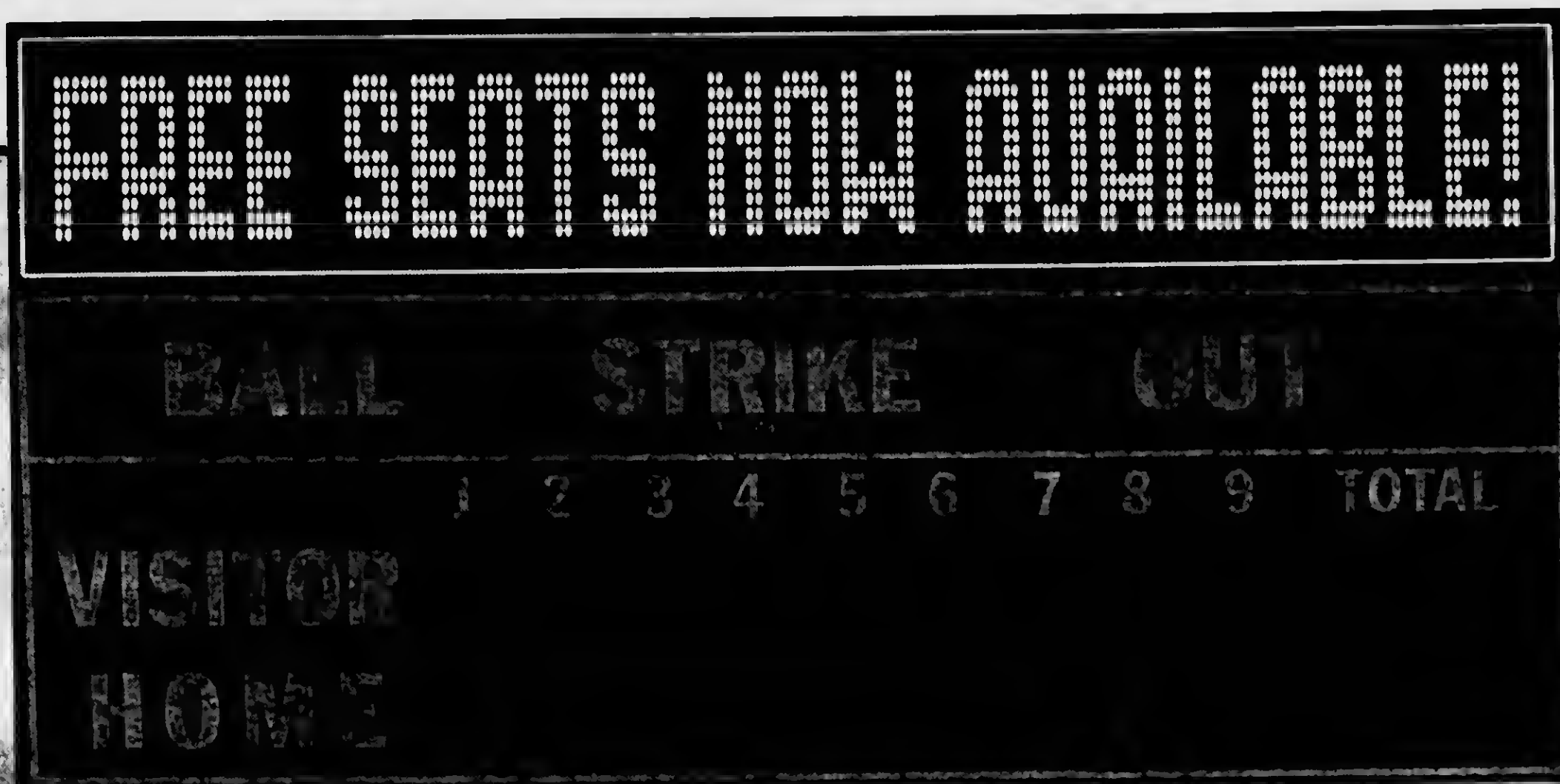
To keep the public informed about their 2002-2003 building expansion project, the Oak Lawn Public Library has launched a special website devoted to construction information and images (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/building.htm).

At this new site, you can view expansion plan drawings and illustrations, a project photo gallery and a Quick Time video clip showing exterior and interior views of the 30,000 square foot addition. Patrons may also check on recent building project news and upcoming events. The site will be updated periodically as their project progresses.

For more information, call Linda Olsen at (708) 422-4990.

Little Company offers C.H.E.E.R.

Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall, 9500 S. Ridgeland, will offer C.H.E.E.R. (Choices, Humor, Enhancement, Education, Renewal)> C.H.E.E.R. works by bringing community members who have life threatening diseases together to interact and heal through laughter and positive attitude. C.H.E.E.R. is a free program that meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00PM. The program for this month is scheduled for May 8 and will feature the lecture "the Magic Within" presented by Anne Bartolotta. Please call 708/423-5774 for information.



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***Water Signs:** Make a resolve to finish what you start...leave no loose ends! R and L as well as someone in the signs of Pisces and Scorpio, perhaps a person in the sign of Cancer as well, are indicated to be of great helps to you. Drink more water (a pinch of salt in at least 2 glasses of water a day) and walk, walk, walk! By the mid-month, you could come into a windfall of money, signed contracts and anything else that can help you spell success with your name attached to it.

***Earth Signs:** Stand up for your own beliefs and opinions, and whatever else you do, make your voice heard, especially at work. Someone C/K and/or P seem to have something to say about your work performance and can interfere with communication between you and your superiors. Have some fun this month, no-expense exploring new places is one way, adult cook-outs and playing adult games. Deep breathing exercises should be tried for better total health and eat less fatty foods!

***Fire Signs:** Prayer and meditation should be worked into this month's planned activity. Then, find someone born in Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces and walk with them...here, there and everywhere! Many of you are on a winning streak, doing the right things with the right people. G...J and H seem to become involved in helping you financially or backing some idea of yours. Some of you meet your soul-mate, and others discover you have already met this person but didn't realize it. A major move is indicated (home or job) Some apologies.

***Air Signs:** When you don't know exactly what to do or say, do and say nothing! You can't please everyone. F and E are sure to involve themselves in your business and you may tell them to "butt out" or imply it. In health matters, check with dentist and have a physical check-up since this month could find you doing battle with allergies, colds and even flu or pleurisy. Liven up the family with get-togethers where everyone brings something including the humour and their talents.

NOTE: I'm at Oak Forest Bowl May 20th from 6-8:30 PM for Mini-Sessions, and Petro's May 8th & 22nd [81st & Pulaski], and Willoughby's May 16th [122nd & S. Harlem]. Call my office for info or appt. I can see into anyone's YEAR ahead - my Personal Psychic Services are also available One-on-One in my office or by phone, taped for your later recall. Awaken the GENII within you to get what you need...my GENII cassette is \$10.95 complete. Send for Free Brochure of my Services: P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 or call 708-597-5866. Websites: JackiMari.Com and TheDailyPsychic.Com

SSM Home Care and Hospice moves to new location

SSM Home Care at St. Francis, Blue Island SSM Hospital needs for new programs and services it is planning as part of the \$33 million renovation project currently underway. The home care agency and hospice originally operated as departments of the hospital. Recently these two agencies were reorganized under a separate but related corporation.

tion. SSM Health Business.

The home care agency provides nursing and therapy services to patients with illness or injury that confine them to their homes. This care helps patients as they

recuperate. The hospice program provides care to patients with terminal conditions. The focus of this service is relief of symptoms and support to family.

There are many benefits

of the reorganization of these two agencies. For example, SSM Home Care at St. Francis, Blue Island is establishing a program that will focus on the needs of patients undergoing total joint replacement. This innovative service will speed recovery of these patients.

Deborah Graham serves as the village's fitness manager at the Sportsplex. She said, "Everyone is invited to have a great time while learning everything they ever wanted to know about their bodies and the importance of fitness. The Fit for Life Health Fair is an event that the entire family will enjoy."

The Village of Orland Park Sportsplex debuted in March, 2002. The 90,000 square foot facility includes a state-of-the-art fitness center, a 1/8 mile cushioned indoor walking path, three indoor basketball courts, gymnastics studio, dance studio and an indoor soccer arena. The newest amenity to be added will be the 320 foot climbing mountain that will soon be added to the building's main lobby. The climbing wall is tentatively scheduled to be operational in June, 2002.

Free asthma screenings at Little Company

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall, 9500 S. Ridgeland, is presenting a free Asthma Screening Day on Wednesday, May 29 from 9:30AM - 1:30PM to help educate the community on the growing incidence of asthma among people of all ages.

More than 14,000,000 Americans have asthma. It is currently the fifth most chronic condition of children. More than 468,000 people require hospitalization each year due to asthma. Lourdes Floro, M.D., Little Company asthma and allergy

specialist, will provide the screening, which will include a Peak Flow test, which tests the capacity of the lungs. Wheezing, chest tightness, persistent coughing and shortness of breath can all be signs of asthma. There is no cure for asthma, but a well-educated patient can treat and manage the disease, and lead a healthy, normal life.

Appointments are required for the free screening. Please call 708/423-5774 to register. The Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is located inside the east entrance of the mall near Carson Pirie Scott.

Orland Park Sportsplex hosts health fair

The Village of Orland Park's center of family fitness—the village's new Sportsplex—will host its "Fit for Life" Health Fair on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. The newest addition to the village's Recreation and Parks Department, the Orland Park Sportsplex is located at 11351 West 159th Street, just west of Wolf Road.

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A wreath laying ceremony will precede the parade at 11AM. It will be held at the General Logan Memorial in Grant Park, Michigan Avenue and 9th Street.

In Commemoration of:

- 57th Anniversary of the Two Flag Raisings on Iwo Jima

- 60th Anniversary of Bataan Death March

- 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway

- 60th Anniversary of the Navajo code Talkers

- 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the Seabees

- 50th Anniversary of the Korean War (3rd year)

Women in the Military -

60th Anniversary of Establishment of:

- Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)

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- Women's Reserve of the U.S. Coast Guard (SPARS)

In remembrance of those who lost Their Lives on September 11, 2001:

- World Trade Center Twin Towers

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The parade will feature more than 10,000 participants and over 286 marching units including military units, military vehicles, JROTC and veterans groups. Chicago area high schools bands also plan to participate.

"Chicago Outdoor Film Festival" Too Hot to Handle..."

The City of Chicago, Target and ComEd present the 3rd Annual Chicago Outdoor Film Festival. Discover seven weeks of classic films every Tuesday evening beginning July 16 through August 27.

Imagine a cool breeze on a hot summer night surrounded by lush flora, this one-of-a-kind theater experience includes a gigantic screen and a state-of-the-art sound system. Movies begin at sunset (approx. 8:30PM) in Grant Park at Lake Shore Drive and Monroe. Admission is free thanks to the generosity of sponsors.

The Chicago Outdoor Film Festival will open with a screening of *Some Like It Hot* and continues every Tuesday evening with *Dr. Strangelove: Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*, *A Hard Day's Night*, *Carmen Jones*, *Horse Feathers*, *Vertigo* and *West Side Story*. This year's film festival, in part, is dedicated to the memory of Chuck Jones, Billy Wilder, Jack Lemmon and George Harrison.

"Summer for Target

means bringing together families, neighborhoods, and all types of communities for outdoor fun," said John Remington, vice president, events marketing and communications for Target Corporation. "Our association with the free film festival is a great way to help Chicago provide a fun summer for everyone."

"What better way to spend a warm summer night than watching a great movie classic in Grant Park," says Frank Clark, ComEd president. The bright stars and lights, which illuminate Chicago's great skyline provide the perfect backdrop for an outdoor film festival. We are pleased to partner with the City of Chicago to support this great summer event."

Each week, a Chuck Jones cartoon will precede the movie. Jones was a legendary animation director and artist, best known for his work on the Warner Bros. classic *Looney Tunes*. He made more than 300 animated films, winning three Oscars as director. In 1996 he was awarded an honorary Oscar for Lifetime Achievement. In addition the festival will also

showcase short films done by local filmmakers.

Film critics Roger Ebert and Richard Roeper, hosts of Ebert and Roeper at the Movies, will host opening night and introduce *"Some Like It Hot,"* directed by Billy Wilder and starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe.

Valet Anyone?

What could be better than watching classic films under the stars in Grant Park? How about beating the traffic and getting there by bike! The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation and the Mayor's Office of Special Events will provide FREE Valet Bike Parking at all the films.

Take Note! When it comes to man's best friend, the cinematic pooch Toto and the right advice... there's no place like home. No dogs are allowed at the Chicago Outdoor Film Festival because crowds are stressful to animals and dogs can easily be stepped on or bumped in the dark, they may become fearful and bite.

Even the most peaceful pup can become aggressive under these conditions. Love your pets...by leaving them at

home!

Minneapolis-based Target Stores serves guests at 1,081 stores in 47 states nationwide, including 43 stores in Chicagoland. Target Stores, along with its parent Target Corporation (NYSE:TGT), gives back more than \$2 million a week to its local communities through grants and special programs. Since opening its first store in 1962, Target has partnered with nonprofit organizations, guests and team members to help meet community needs.

Commonwealth Edison is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon corporation (NYSE:EXC), one of the nation's largest electric utilities with nearly \$15 billion in revenues and a customer base of five million. ComEd provides service to more than 3.4 million customers across Northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state's population.

For more information on the 3rd Annual Chicago Outdoor Film Festival call the Mayor's Office of Special Events at (312) 744-3315 or visit the website at www.cityofchicago.org.

Marian Catholic High School new wing

Marian Catholic High School's new wing, Dominican Way, was built through love and generosity of the Dominican Sisters and the Marian Catholic community. Virtually appearing overnight, the eight new classrooms and teacher resource area came to fruition in a matter of months while other educational institutions struggle to complete building projects on time.

Now, Dominican Way stands as another available resource to maintain excellence in education for a student body of more than 1,650.

While the need still exists to seek investments to repay the Dominican Sisters of Springfield for the gift of Dominican Way, the final piece of the puzzle is to bless Marian Catholic's most recent source of pride and scholarship.

Bishop Joseph N. Perry celebrated Mass on campus on Saturday, April 27. A procession led to Dominican Way for the blessing, followed by a reception. The

Mass/Dedication included Marian Catholic students.

"Just a little more than a year ago, Dominican Way was only a vision," Vice-President of Institutional Advancement Pete Ruhl explained. "At that time, the need was recognized as the school administration recommended it, the Lay Advisory Board approved it and the Dominican Sisters provided initial funding."

The addition of the new wing does not seek to increase enrollment, but to enhance the quality of an existing Catholic, college-preparatory education.

Sr. Agnes Ann, O.P., Religion Department Chair and a religious education teacher at Marian for more than 20 years, pointed out the advantages of

Dominican Way, which primarily houses religion classes: reduced class sizes, which means better quality teaching; conference areas, as well as an area for staff meetings; a resource center for faculty complete with phone lines and computers.

"We thank the Corporate Council for their faith in Marian Catholic and its generosity to Marian, while allowed the building of Dominican Way," Sr. Agnes Ann said. "We thank the Advisory Board for its vision and for allowing the opportunity to build Dominican Way, and many others for 'keeping the dream going.'"

Bishop Perry was assisted at the liturgy and dedication by Marian Catholic students, faculty, staff and Dominican Way architects and contractors.

"As we prepare to formally ask God's blessing on these new facilities specifically, and Marian Catholic High School generally, I would welcome all the Marian community to visit and see them," Ruhl said. "Look over our entire 72-acre campus and see the exciting things going on at Marian."

I am sure they will marvel at all they see and hear. After seeing and hearing and marveling, I challenge them to join with me as a Marian



Bishop Joseph N. Perry blesses Marian Catholic High School's new Dominican Way as part of dedication ceremonies on April 27.

Catholic High School investor. Call me and find out how people may help and provide for the continued presence and growth of Marian Catholic High School."

The Marian community was overwhelmed with pride and sense of accomplishment

on April 27. Yet, in many respects, the job is only beginning for benefactors, students and educators.

"There is a climate of trust established by and with students and 'scholars with a soul' are challenged by 'teachers with a soul' to take

responsibility for their actions and studies," Sr. Agnes Ann explained. "Students, in turn, challenge faculty and staff to be their best selves."



Chicago Southland members "Racing for R.E.A.L. Opportunities"

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce launches its 2002 Membership Drive, Southland 500, "Racing for R.E.A.L. Opportunities" on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel & Conference Center.

Sponsored by MB Financial Bank, the five-week campaign will continue through Wednesday, May 22. Weekly meetings will be held at 7:30AM on Wednesdays through the end of the campaign at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel & Conference Center.

More than 75 Chamber members are participating in this year's membership recruitment program, "Racing for R.E.A.L. Opportunities." Participants are divided into eight teams, with each team representing a NASCAR driver or owner. The team members will compete for individual prizes as well as team prizes.

Jennifer Murray (J. Murray & Associates, Inc.) is Vice Chairman of Membership Development. Karen Peterson (Go Promotions) and Murray are co-chairmen of the campaign.

The Grand Prize, awarded

to the individual who sells the most memberships, is ATA tickets for four anywhere in the contiguous United States from ATA, a \$500 gift certificate from TravelBrokers/Carlson Wagonlit Travel, a \$250 American Express check donated by MB Financial Bank, a cover photo in the July Chicago Southland Business Magazine, a full-page ad in the Chicago Southland Business Magazine and a Diamond Club membership.

Anybody bringing in 10 members will receive ATA tickets for two anywhere in the 48 contiguous United States, a \$250 gift certificate from TravelBrokers/Carlson Wagonlit Travel, a \$25 American Express check donated by MB Financial Bank, a \$10 gift certificate to Cafe Borgia, a Diamond Club membership and a 1/2 page ad with a 1/2 page article in the Chicago Southland Business Magazine.

Anybody bringing in five members will win a \$10 gift certificate to Cafe Borgia, a Diamond Club membership and a 1/4-page ad and 1/4 page article in the Chicago Southland Business Magazine.

The weekly sales winner, awarded each week to the top-producing individual, will receive a \$25 American Express check donated by MB Financial Bank. Weekly drawing prizes will be awarded to five individuals at the weekly meetings.

Team captains include: Chairman Bill Frank (TravelBrokers/Carlson Wagonlit Travel), Lenny Suhrbier (L.A.K. Promotions), Larry Lyman (Custom Steel Buildings, Inc.), Brian Coleman (Y2Marketing), Dale Sprintz (Lunch at Hand/SWEETdreamz Desserts), Susan Leary (MB Financial Bank), Manny Hoffman (Manny Hoffman Insurance Agency, Ltd.), and Murray.

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce is a regional organization serving a population of 2.5 million in 72 communities in the area bounded by Chicago on the north, Northwest Indiana on the east, Kankakee on the south and Joliet on the west.

For information on the chamber and its programs, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950 or visit its website at www.chicagosouthland.com.

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Xavier's Nursing Center

St. Xavier University and the Chicago Department of Health will be offering immunizations from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 at the nursing Center at St. Xavier, 3700 W. 403rd St., Chicago.

Immunizations available include Prevnar, Chickenpox, DTP, Hib, MMR, Polio and Hepatitis B. Hepatitis B Immunizations will be available for children under the age of nineteen. TB testing is also available for an additional donation. Free early childhood developmental screening will also be available for children ages six months - three years.

KIDS, the City of Chicago's child identification program, will also be available at the nursing center immunizations. KIDS is a free service to Chicago parents who wish to have their child's photo and descriptive information securely stored in a database in the clerk's office. In the event that a child is reported missing to the police, the KIDS program can post the photo on the Internet

and send it to law enforcement, the media and others who may be able to assist in the search for a missing child.

No appointments will be taken and patients will be seen in order of their arrival. All parents must provide immunization records for their children. If you cannot find these records, please contact your physician for a copy. No child will be seen without these records.

St. Xavier's Nursing Center is also offering the Men-

ingitis Vaccine, which is recommended for college students. The fee is \$75. It will be available during the Nursing Center's regular hours of operation. Fridays from noon to 4 p.m.

A donation of \$10 per family is requested. This donation allows the school to continue offering programs like this through the Nursing Center. The primary concern, however, is that of the health of your family and no one will be denied service.

For more information, call (773)298-3712.



Meet the owners of the new Homestead Restaurant in Evergreen Park

Pictured from left to right: Tim Hurley, Maribeth McCaw, George Tsonis, Noralee and Roy Goossens.

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Postal Service gives Congress new tranfomation plan

By James Holmes,
District Manager, Central
Illinois District, United
States Postal Service

The Postal Service recently delivered its Transformation Plan to Congress. The plan offers solutions to the current financial situation the Postal Service now faces and in the long-term calls for a new business model to replace our 30 year-old operating structure. Changing to a new business model will require legislative changes, essentially re-writing the 1970 Postal Reorganization Act that formed the current Postal Service.

The Postal Service gets most of its revenue from First-Class Mail - the kind of mail used to pay bills and write letters. Any decline in this type of mail has huge consequences since two-thirds of our costs are covered by the revenue it brings in. Add to that equation the 4700 new addresses created every year in the Central Illinois district and you can see the crisis we face. Trends like that threaten our ability to deliver the mail.

But we have solutions. In

the long term, the Postal Service will ask Congress to adopt a new business model, called a Commercial Government Enterprise (CGE). Changing to a CGE would be a large step toward placing the Postal Service on more business-like footing. We would be expected to provide traditional and non-traditional products and services and implement market-based pricing. Universal mail delivery would be maintained by giving the Postal Service the flexibility to survive in a new economy.

We will also cut costs. The Central Illinois district cut \$8,120,000 in operating expenses since the end of 1999. The Postmaster General has asked us to cut \$5 billion more nationally over the next five years. And the Central Illinois district will do its part to meet that goal.

The old legislation served the country well. In the Central Illinois district alone we deliver 44,129,940 pieces of mail every week; that equals 44,129,940 pieces every year to over 1,205,989 businesses and homes. The Postal Ser-

vice delivers in one week as much as UPS delivers in a year; we deliver in two days what FedEx delivers in their typical year. No postal system does what this U.S. Postal Service does today. But what organization can keep the same business model for 30 years and hope to survive?

No organization could. Organizations must be able to change in order to survive. No one 30 years ago could have predicted the rise of the Internet, electric bill payment and competition from global mail providers. Mail volume nationally and in the Central Illinois district has always had steady increases and our old business model counted on volume always going up. But that has changed, too. Nationwide, the Postal Service lost \$1.68 billion in fiscal year 2001 and could lose close to \$2 billion this fiscal year.

The plan also allow us to better meet changing customer needs, such as increasing access for consumers. The Central Illinois district has 574 post office and other

retail outlets, but there are quicker, more cost-effective ways to get basic services like stamps. People already purchase stamps by phone and over the Internet, but we will also explore other non-traditional outlets. We plan to offer simplified, pre-paid package shipping so customers can pay by the size of the box, not the weight. And we recently introduced a pre-cut called Confirm, part of the new generation of intelligent mail services that allows large businesses to track their mail in near real-time throughout the postal system.

As the District Manager for Central Illinois, I'm excited to be a part of this Transformation Plan. Delivering the mail is a public trust and the Postal Service is committed to guaranteeing mail delivery well into the future. This plan is the first step in that process and sparks the public policy dialogue with the American people.

Local business wins international award

Allegra Paint & Imaging in Alsip received an International Sales Award for being among the top ten centers in increased sales volume for North America. The Alsip business is woman owned by Helen Makina and managed by the Makina family. The company's Michigan headquarters presented the award.

Allegra Print & Imaging, located at 12549 South Holiday Drive, is a full service printer featuring full-color printing capabilities, electronic publishing, color copying, high-speed digital output and complete bindery services. Other special services include on-line file transfer, print management programs, emergency printing services and project consulting.

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RTA's reduced rate for seniors

The RTA has a program that provides seniors 65 or older to ride the CTA, Metra or Pace suburban transit system at a reduced price. Seniors must bring their current driver's license, state I.D., or other official government identification with a photo and a birth date, and Medicare card with them.

A representative will be available at the Stickney Township Senior Center, 7745 S. Leamington Avenue,

on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. There is no cost for this pass. Please call (708) 636-8850 for registration.

Trustee meeting at Moraine

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Board Room, D219, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

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Brother Rice basketball star signs letter of intent

Brother Rice High School senior Ray Jendra of Tinley Park signs a letter of intent to play college basketball at Illinois Valley Community College in Ogelsby, Ill. Jendra, a 6'3 forward, is the school's all time leader in blocked shots and sixth all time rebounder. Seated with Jendra are his parents, Ray and Gwendolyn Jendra. Brother Rice Head Coach Pat Richardson (left) and Illinois valley Coach Tommy Canale look on.

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"Poker Run" bikers ride for Park Lawn

Bikers of all ages are set to ride in Park Lawn's 5th Annual Big Bikes- Big Hearts Charity Poker Run.

Starting at Chi-Town Harley Davidson in Tinley Park, over 600 participants are expected to rally for a 100-mile scenic run through Chicago's Southwest Suburban Metro Area making stops in a number of towns including Yorkville and Plainfield. The day will culminate at Ryan's in Frankfort for the post-run party where participants will gather for prizes, raffles, food and live entertainment by Butterface.

Entry fee for the event is \$10, registration begins at 9 a.m. with the first bike out at 10 a.m. and the last bike out at 11 a.m.

All proceeds benefit



Big Bikes committee members, Mark and Maria Miller, show off one of the trophies for the Poker Run.

Park Lawn, an Oak Lawn-based nonprofit agency that provides services for individuals with developmental

disabilities.

For more information call (708) 425-6867.

"Bike Chicago 2002" starts on May 17th

The Bike to Work Day Rally invites all cyclists to bike down to the official kick off celebration of Bike Chicago 2002. Join us, Friday, May 17, 2002 for a morning full of FREE activities for those who bike to work. Participants will be treated to free breakfast, T-shirt *while supplies last) and eligible to win great raffle prizes.

Bike Chicago celebrates its 12th year with more than 100 events held to promote the health, economic and environmental benefits of bicycling. The Chicago Park District offers a variety of cycling events at local branches for children and families including bike parades, bike safety classes, historic bike tours, bike decorating, team training ride, social rides and much more.

Mayor Daley's Lakefront Bike Ride (Saturday, May 18) moves to a new location this year and will follow a new route! This scenic 10-mile leisure ride will begin at the North Avenue Beach House and proceed north. Post ride festivities includes

a FREE lunch, entertainment, raffle prizes, and a Health and Fitness Expo complete with spinning classes offered by Bally Total Fitness

New this year: The Chicago Bicycle Federation presents Bike the Drive. Cyclists can ride the full length of a car-free Lake Shore Drive during the inaugural event (June 9). For more information call the Chicagoland, 312-042 Pedal or visit the website; bikethedrive.org.

Last year, Chicago was recognized by the League of American Bicyclists for having Best Bicycling Month in the Nation. This was the second accolade bestowed on the city for its annual event called Bike Chicago. Bicycling Magazine also picked Chicago as the Best Big Cycling City in the United States. The City of Chicago now boasts more than 125 miles of new or improved bikeways, 7,000 bike racks have been installed and more plans are underway to expand and improve our network of bike lanes and bike

routes.

Bike Chicago 2002 is presented by the Mayor's Office of Special Events and Kryptonite Bicycle Locks, in cooperation with the Chicago Park District, Chicago Department of Transportation, Chicago Public Library, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Transit Authority, Unicare

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Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Moraine Valley Community College has announced its members for the spring 2002 semester.

In a ceremony held April 12, 37 students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa's Alpha Iota Lambda Chapter for maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above while having earned at least 12 credits at the college.

The list inductees includes: **Alsip:** Cindy Alarcon, **Blue Island:** Adela Gutierrez, Stephanie E. Windham, **Burbank:** Michael Cabaj, Elva Escobedo, Daniel

Ramirez, **Chicago:** Jason Tuton, **Chicago Ridge:** Jennifer Lunsfor-Heatter, Rita Marie Hajer, William Wesel, **Evergreen Park:** Tiffany McClarence, Kathryn E. Nowicki, Michelle L. Schumacher, **Frankfort:** Megan Kelly Tighe, **Hickory Hills:** Ericka Asleigh Walters, **Homer Glen:** Susan Akstins, **Lockport:** Shannon R. Ashley, **Lyons:** Dijana Norvilaite, **Oak Forest:** Mary Ellen Bartkowski, **Oak Lawn:** Hani Abubakar, Carol Franrick, Dustin Harnish, Valerie M. James, Gene Osmanski, David Gregory Price, Vincent G. Serritella

Orland Park: Amber DeMichael, Randa Yousif Dahdal, Melissa Joy Molitoris, Deborah Reno, **Palos Hills:** Alan Christensen, **Palos Park:** Eram Cowlas, Nina Melinda, **Tinley Park:** Aileen G. Arellano, Lynda L. D'Antonio, Gina Rago, Sarah Zapka

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi

Theta Kappa provides opportunities for the development of leadership and service, and intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals lively fellowship for scholars, and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, contact Jennifer Langland, coordinator of Student Life, at (708) 974-5353.

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Osteoporosis underdiagnosed in men

Many people think of osteoporosis as a women's condition; however the disease also strikes men. More than 20 percent of people who have the condition are men, and another 3 million men are at risk for the disease, according to Dr. Pauline Camacho, director of the Osteoporosis and Metabolic Disease Center at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL.

In addition, more than 12 million men suffer from low bone density, which puts them at higher risk for developing osteoporosis.

Camacho, who also serves as assistant professor of medicine - specializing in endocrinology and metabolism - at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, noted that despite the high number of men affected, the condition remains under diagnosed.

To properly diagnose the condition, physicians should develop a medical history to identify risk factors conduct a complete physical exam,

including height, weight, x-rays, and urine and blood tests. The physician also may order a bone mineral density test or bone mass measurement, a simple, painless procedure that measures the level of bone mass at various points in the body.

Osteoporosis, which affect 28 million Americans, thins bones gradually but exhibits no immediate symptoms. However, the disease eventually progresses to a stage at which a person's bones become extremely fragile and prone to fractures. In fact, osteoporosis results in more than 1.5 million fractures annually in the United States, including 100,000 fractures of the hip and vertebra. The economic cost to the nation for treating these fractures exceeds \$13.8 billion a year.

Each year, men suffer one third of all hip fractures that occur, and one third of these men will not survive more than a year. In addition to hip fracture, men also experience painful and debilitating frac-

tures of the spine, wrist and other bones due to osteoporosis.

Symptoms such as sudden back pain, loss of height and change in posture should be discussed with a physician, according to Camacho, since these could be an indication of osteoporosis.

Also, according to Camacho, there are several risk factors - similar to those in women - that are linked to the condition in men, including lifestyle habits, heredity, extended exposure to certain medications, age and medical conditions such as hyperparathyroidism leading to loss of calcium from the bones, and low testosterone level. In men, as in women, Caucasians appear to be at greatest risk, although osteoporosis can occur in men from all ethnic groups.

Simple lifestyle habits such as daily calcium and vitamin D supplements and multivitamins, walking, jogging and a diet rich in calcium intake of 1,000 milligrams a day to age 50 and

1,200 milligrams a day over age 51. As for vitamin D, she advises men to take at least 400 international units a day.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Sony at www.Mediaby.com.
The International Organization for Migration at www.iom.int.
The Brother PE-150 at www.brother.com.
Massachusetts Getaway Guide at www.massvacation.com.
SendAMERICA at www.sendamerica.com.
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1-800-FLOWERS.COM at www.1800flowers.com.
The LeapPad Learning System at www.leapfrog.com.
The College Handbook 2002 at collegeboard.com.

Electric service market opens up in Illinois

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) today marked the opening of the state's residential electric service market by encouraging all consumers to get informed and understand the electric service restructuring process. The agency is continuing its statewide education campaign to provide electric service restructuring information to business and residential customers. Information is available on the ICC's Plug in Illinois Web site, <http://www.icc.state.il.us/pluginillinois> and customers can call toll-free, 1-877-758-4464, for the ICC's free residential and business consumer brochures.

"Today begins the cultivation of a competitive residential electric service marketplace in Illinois. It may be a while before other suppliers start marketing to residential consumers. The Illinois Commerce Commission is a neutral con-

sumer resource in the electric service restructuring process. We're continuing to provide residential and business customers with information to help them be prepared for future choices," said John Digles, spokesman for the ICC's Plug in Illinois education campaign.

Education inserts about electric service restructuring were mailed with electric bills to customers of Illinois investor-owned utilities through mid-April. Alternative retail electric suppliers are also required to send the bill inserts to potential residential customers in Illinois.

In addition to key consumer information, the ICC's Plug in Illinois Web site also contains a checklist for choosing a supplier, a section listing suppliers as they become certified and answers to frequently asked questions.

Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department offers Playskool program

Orland Park's Playskool Program is designed to help pre-schoolers develop the skills necessary for independent learning and socialization in a warm, fun-filled environment.

Offered by the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department for the last two decades, Playskool is comprised of two divisions. Beginning Playskool, which meets two days a week for two-hour sessions, is available for pre-schoolers who will be three years old by September 1, 2002. Advanced Playskool is open to four and five year olds, offered three days per week, in two and one half hour sessions. Orland Park's Playskool follows the standard academic year, September through May.

"We've made some changes in this year's program," explained Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema, who supervises the program. "We've reduced our classroom size from 24 students

to twenty and have subsequently increased the number of classes offered," she explained.

Acclaimed as one of the best kindergarten preparatory programs in the area, Orland Park's Playskool helps prepare children for the academic and social opportunities of kindergarten. Creating a well-rounded academic foundation, Orland Park's Playskool curriculum includes academic instruction, arts and crafts, games, holiday parties and field trips.

Lesson plans for the three-year old beginners include activities that promote hand-eye coordination, balance, body awareness and more. The advanced level, for four and five year olds, helps to prepare the young student for kindergarten. Both levels include letter and number recognition, science, creative art and more.

Robert Flondor joined Orland Park's Playskool staff as an instructor in 1979, being named the program's coordinator in 1989.

"We have received very positive feedback from kindergarten teachers and parents," Flondor said. "Kindergarten teachers have let us know that the students who graduate from the Village's program are well adjusted, both emotionally and socially, and are at the right level to begin their academic careers," she added.

"The stress of being in the classroom for the first time is eliminated because they've already adjusted to a classroom setting with the Recreation Department's Playskool," Flondor said.

Orland Park's Playskool faculty includes many degreed professionals who have chosen to work part-time in order to be with their own children. All of the instructors have strong backgrounds in early childhood education and all are certified in CPR and first-aid.

"We have a wonderful faculty that truly loves the work that they do," Buikema said. "We have moms, many of whom have put their full-

time careers on hold, who teach our students, as well as education and early childhood majors from local colleges and universities. It's a diverse group," she added.

Classes are held at both the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia, and at the Robert Davidson Center, adjacent to the Orland Park Library. Morning and afternoon sessions are available for both age groups.

"We're looking forward to having the many new families in the Orland Park area enroll in our program," Flondor said. "We've had the second, third, fourth and fifth child in many families come through the program—not to mention our Playskool alumni who are now returning with their own children," Flondor added, smiling.

The cost for the three year olds' program. Beginning Playskool, is \$455 for residents, \$505 for non-residents, for the academic year. The advanced program, that meets three days a week, is

available for \$765 an academic year for village residents and \$815 a year for non-residents. Payments plans are available for both levels.

Further information and registration is available at the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, located in the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, or by calling 708/403-PARK (7275).

Alumni Baseball Social

Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th St., Chicago, will host an Alumni Baseball Social At the Marist High School vs. Mt. Carmel game on May 14th, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. All alumni and friends of Marist are invited.

For more information call Cheryl Kolinski at (773) 881-5300 ext. 5382.

OLCHS presents "Bye-Bye Birdie"

Oak Lawn Community High School will present the musical "Bye-Bye Birdie" on Thursday-May 9, 2002, Friday-May 10, 2002, and Saturday-May 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

Directed by Tom Dzurison and produced by Barbara Mateer, this wonderful show has large, talented cast of student actors.

A special complimentary senior citizen performance will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium Gym. For further information, please call the school at (708) 424-5200 extension 7731.

Things to know when starting a new business

By Veronica Gomez,
Marketing and Commu-
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dation

The many details involved in getting a new business of the ground could scare off even the most committed and motivated entrepreneurs. If you're thinking about starting a new business, the Illinois CPA Society provides the following list to help you begin the process.

STICK TO WHAT YOU KNOW AND LOVE

Successful businesses don't just happen. They are made. Whether you plan to profit by "clowning around" at birthday parties or growing a multinational corporation, your success relies on your knowledge, passion and commitment. Evaluate your skills and interests and find a business that works for you.

GET SMART

Learn all the intrinsic details of the businesses that interest you. Use the Internet to research the industry. Investigate the competition. Subscribe to magazines that cover your

field or trade (the cost may be tax deductible) and attend association meetings and local networking groups. Talk with business owners in similar fields. The more knowledgeable you are, the better your chance for success.

CHOOSE AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

You'll need to decide whether to organize your business as a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation. Each has its own advantages and disadvantages. Since your choice affects both your income taxes and personal liability, it is important that you learn as much as you can about each and seek professional advice before making a decision.

NAME YOUR BUSINESS

This is not as easy as it may sound. It's often best to select a name that is short, easy to remember, descriptive of the type of business you're in, and likely to attract attention. Depending on your legal structure, you may have to register your business name with your local or county government. If a web presence is important to your

business, check to see if your desired domain name is available.

MAKE IT POSSIBLE WITH A BUSINESS PLAN

Think of a business plan as your blueprint for success. The process of developing a detailed and accurate business plan, however daunting, will help you think through important issues. A business plan should outline your strengths and weaknesses, and show where you are, where you want to go, and how you plan to get there. A typical plan includes an executive summary, a description of the business and its products or services, marketing strategy, operations plan, financial data and projections, management description and market, competitive and risk analyses.

FIND THE BEST LOCATION

is almost always a critical factor in a business' success. Some local governments can provide information on traffic patterns for city and county roads. They also may have location population demographics. On your own, you can check area competitors and measure pe-

destrian traffic during business hours to estimate walk-in potential. Once you've settled on a location, decide whether to rent or own the building and then evaluate different sites.

RAISE MONEY

Raising the money needed to start a new business is almost always one of the most difficult steps. Financial resources available to small business can vary depending on whether you are starting a new business or purchasing an existing one. Generally speaking, business loans for start-up enterprises are not easily obtained. Many start-ups are financed by personal resources including savings, home-equity loans, and credit cards. Relatives and friends also may be potential sources of financing.

MAKE IT LEGAL

Governments often require licenses and permits for conducting business. In some cases, it's as simple as paying for a license. In others, you may face the more difficult task of complying with regulatory ordinances that protect public health and safety and, increasing, aesthetics.

INSURE YOUR BUSINESS

Don't make the mistake of cutting corners by not insuring your new business venture. Look in to a business owner's policy that includes, at the very least, property, liability, and business interruption coverage.

PLAN TO WORK EXTREMELY HARD

While many people start businesses in the hopes of not being tied down to a job, business owners find themselves working longer and harder than most employees, especially in the beginning.

LEAN ON THE EXPERTS

Many businesses make the mistake of turning to professionals only when they are in trouble. But professional advisors can provide valuable object advice and add strength to your business.

This information was brought to you by the Illinois CPA Society. Visit the Society's website at www.icpas.org or call (312) 993-0393 or (800) 993-0393.

Moraine Valley receives grant

Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center has received a grant for \$2500 to support the James Sewell Ballet performance, scheduled for February 2003 in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater.

Support from the Heartland Arts Fund makes it possible for the Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center to continue working with community partners to bring artists like James Sewell Ballet into the community.

Known for its technical brilliance, the James Sewell Ballet company presents ballet that is influenced by modern dance in a highly theatrical style, allowing its audience to experience ballet from a different perspective. For more information about the Sewell Ballet performance at Moraine Valley, contact the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500.

Burbank Park District

The Burbank Park District will be taking Registration for all Summer programs beginning May 14 for residents and May 21 for non-residents.

Special Registration for Swlm Lessons, Pool Passes, and Pool Rentals will be held on May 4 for residents and May 11 for non-residents. the pool will open on June 8, 2002. Pool Pass costs rang from \$70 to \$140 for residents and \$100 to \$210 for non-residents. Call Bill Olsen at 708-599-2070 for more information.

Day Camp operates five days a week, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.

until 3:00 p.m. and the Tiny Tot camp operates Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Program activities include games, sports, swimming, crafts, special events, theme days, creative dramatics, and weekly field trips. There are four different age groups, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12. A camp t-shirt and tote bag will be provided to each camper. No camp July 4th.

Day camp cost per session is \$135 for residents and \$205 for non-residents. Tiny Tot Camp cost per session is \$65 for residents and \$98 for non-residents. Session I: June 17-July 5, Session II: July 8-26, Session III: July 29-August 16.

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Music festivals help kick off "Music Everywhere"

19th Annual Blues Fest salutes Muddy Waters

This year, Chicagoans will get the blues a little earlier when the 19th Annual Chicago Blues Festival returns to Grant Park, May 30-June 2, 2002. The four-day festival, open from Noon-9:30PM daily will feature the best of blues music.

In its 19th year, The Chicago Blues Festival, will pay tribute to Muddy Waters' She's Nineteen Years Old and honor the lives of Son House, Skip James, Peetie Wheatstraw, Romeo Nelson and Jimmy Rushing. Also featured will be a celebration of John Brim's 80th birthday.

"The Chicago Blues Festival, just like the Blues performers, gets better with age," said Jim Law, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events. "We strive to bring the Chicago communities together, in addition to visitors from all over the world to celebrate the Blues, and also appreciate its origins."

Famed musicians honoring the music of Muddy Waters include Bo Diddley, Jody Williams, Jerry Ricks, Roy

Hytower, the North Mississippi Allstars, Carey Bell, James Cotton and his Five Star Band, Big Bill Morganfield, Shemekia Copeland and many more. Each day the festival has a different theme, with many top acts on six stages. Themes this year include: "Rollin' and Tumblin'," "I'm Ready," "I Feel Like Goin' Home" and "Walking Through the Park." Many surprises are in store for this year's festival, including many reunions of Blues greats celebrating the life and love of the Blues.

The Chicago Blues Festival is programmed and produced by the Mayor's Office of Special Events and presenting sponsor Best Buy. It is through Best Buy's major contribution that allows us to present this event free to the public. Participating sponsors are: Best Western Inn of Chicago, United Airlines, Bitly Goat Grill, Chicago Blues Museum Record Row Foundation, Chicago Tribune, CLTV, ChicagoLand's Television, Communications

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The Chicago Blues Festival is a part of the Music Everywhere: Summer in Chicago 2002 campaign, a collaborative effort by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Chicago Office of Tourism, designed to showcase new and perennial music events throughout the city this summer. Music Everywhere will run from May 30 to September 29, 2002.

For more information about Music Everywhere,

call toll-free 1-877-CHICAGO or visit the website, www.877chicago.com beginning May 7, 2002.

Taking public transportation to all lakefront festivals enhances the event experience by making travel easier. For public information, call 312/836-7000 or click on the Department of Transportation website www.cityofchicago.org/intheloop.

18th Annual Gospel Fest

The Mayor's Office of Special Events presents the 18th Annual Gospel Music Festival 2002.

As the popularity of Gospel music grows, Chicago welcomes the 18th Annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival to Grant Park June 7-9, 2002. The Chicago Gospel Music Festival is the largest outdoor, free admission event

of its kind.

This three-day festival offers national, international and local Gospel entertainment on three stages with more than 40 performances from some of the top Gospel acts in the world. The festival recognizes and celebrates the creative, historical, communal and social significance of Gospel music.

This year's performers include Richard Smallwood and Vision, Men of Stand, Lee Williams & The Spiritual QC's, The Might Clouds of Joy, and Percy Gray presents: "The Chicago Mass Choir, Praise II & New Direction," plus many more.

Each year the Chicago Gospel Music Festival pays tribute to internationally known Chicagoans who have devoted more than 30 years to Gospel Music. The 2002 Salutees, Jessy Dixon and Reuben Burton, will be honored throughout the festival.

Gospel Music is one of the fastest growing musical genres in the U.S. according to Billboard Magazine, and Gospel music has deep roots

in Chicago's African American community.

The Chicago Gospel Music Festival attracts visitors from around the country and abroad for a lakefront celebration of Gospel music at its best. An estimated 150,000 people will attend the festival in Grant Park.

The Mayor's Office of Special Events encourages taking public transportation to all lakefront festivals. Call (312) 836-4949 for information on RTA, CTA, PACE and Metra.

For more information call the Mayor's Office of Special Events Hotline at (312) 744-3370, TTY (312) 744-2964 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents.

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Oak Lawn Park District to present "Mame"

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's summer production of Mame, a funny and heartfelt musical based on a novel by Patrick Dennis about an orphaned boy raised by his eccentric aunt during the boom and bust years of the 1920s and '30s. In this production, Ellen Micotto of Hinsdale will portray the title character, Mame, and her nephew, Patrick, will be portrayed by two actors: Oak Forest's Vincent Rossi for his younger years, and Lansing's Andy Kolanowski as he matures. Merrionette Park's Sara Ketchum will portray Patrick's nanny, Agnes Gooch, and Oak Lawn's Joel Craig will act as Mame's second husband, Beau. Oak Lawn's Frank Fett will be the show's producer and will also portray Babcock, the banker.

Assisting Fett are Oak Lawn's Dave Heilmann as

executive producer/director and Oak Lawn's Erica Heilmann as assistant director. The musical director is Orland Park's Diane Madden, the choreographer is Palos Hills' Melanie Herman, the conductor is Chicago's Bill Hansen and the set designer is Burbank's Gil Oliva. Paul Nirchi of Orland Park is the co-executive producer with Heilmann.

Performances are scheduled for June 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 8PM, and June 9 and 16 at 3PM at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn. Ticket prices are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$14 for children. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (708) 857-2200. Box-office hours are: Mondays 8:30AM to 9PM; Tuesday through Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM; and Saturdays 10AM-2PM.



Edward F. McElroy

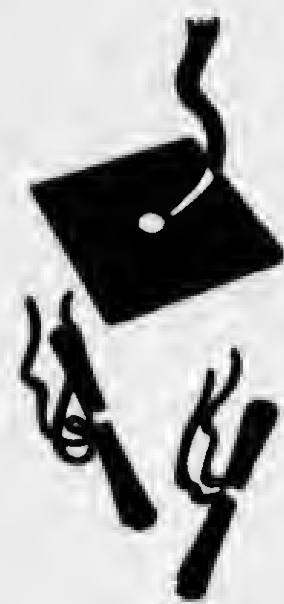
McElroy to speak to retirees

Edward F. McElroy, of Chicago radio and TV, will speak before the American/National Can Retirees on Wednesday, May 15th at 10:30 following a 9:30 a.m. breakfast at Mabenka restaurant, 7844 S. Cicero, Burbank.

Edward Surma, coordinator, announced that McElroy will share his expertise on news and sports in Chicago.

Ed has been active in the field of news and sports on WJOB, WIND and WJJD radio for over 50 years. He has done many training films

and commercials, and has received many awards for news coverage in the United States. Ed entertained hospitalized veterans and underprivileged children for many years. McElroy is Past National Commander and past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America.



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New Little Company of Mary programs for the elderly

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers offers Adult Day Care, a daytime safe haven for older adults who need supervision, and Mobile Medical Care, for those who lack transportation or have health problems that limit their mobility.

Seniors suffering from acute or chronic conditions not requiring hospitalization still need professional care. They may be unable to get

that care, however, if they have health problems that limit their mobility or they have great difficulty getting to a physician's office.

With Mobile Medical Care, older adults who are not physically able or who may require the assistance of a wheelchair, medicar or ambulance can arrange to have a Little Company doctor or nurse visit in the security of their own home.

Under the program, a staff

physician and R.N. make rounds in the new Mobile Medical Care van. A comprehensive plan of health care is initiated during the first visit, and follow-up Mobile Medical Care home visits will be scheduled as often as it's deemed necessary. For information call (708) 422-6672.

The Adult Day Center, 8700 S. California, is the perfect place for older adults with impaired physical, psychosocial or emotional

abilities, who need supervision. They receive individualized, compassionate care during the day in the homelike warmth of a group setting. The Center offers a comprehensive program of stimulating and therapeutic activities including games, discussions, crafts, exercise and cultural projects to enhance the physical, mental and emotional well-being of participants.

The program is offered



The Little Company of Mary Mobile Medical van

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and daycare sessions. For more information call (773) 863-7575. is available in half or full day

Little Company of Mary participates in 3-Day Walk

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers' team of 14 women will participate in the Avon 3-Day Walk from June 14 through 16, 2002. More than 8,000 participants will complete the 60-mile walk that starts in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and winds down through Northern Illinois and the North Shore along Lake Michigan, ending in Chicago.

The walk is no small feat and many Little Company team members train months before the event. Donna O'Connor, Unit Secretary,

has trained on the treadmill for about one year. Her motivation however is simple and sincere, "I just want to help a good cause." O'Connor and her friend recently held a benefit at a local bar to help raise the \$1,900 required to participate. These donations help the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade fund patient care and find a cure for breast cancer, the second leading cause of cancer death among women today.

Others commit to the walk for personal reason, Mary Prendergast, Mother/

Baby Unit Secretary, along with several of her co-workers, are dedicating their walk to the memory of Sid Icalia, a Little Company Mother/Baby nurse who passed two years ago from breast cancer. Sid Icalia is remembered as a wonderful nurse and person, an inspiration for the Mother/Baby team members.

Whatever the motivation or reason, the Little Company team is devoting a great deal of time and effort to help current and future breast cancer patients, some of whom we are privileged to serve in The Cancer Center at Little

Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. The 33,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility offers a holistic approach to cancer treatment through an affiliation with the Medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals. Cancer patients can benefit from clinical trials and have access to promising new medications and the latest therapies usually available only in a university-based hospital. The Center also offers a full array of integrative therapy services for patients such as acupuncture, massage

therapy and post-treatment esthetic care, all in a nearby community setting.

If you would like more information on The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, please call 708/422-6200, extension 5148.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center (www.lcmh.org), based in Evergreen Park, has delivered technologically advanced services to Chicago's southwest area for more than 70 years. Little Company is a Catholic, not-for-profit hospital that cur-

rently brings the community a 304-bed acute care facility; a new Cancer Center affiliated with the Medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals; and compassionate care in the Hospital and 11 other nearby locations. The Sisters of the Little Company of Mary are an international congregation of women founded in 1877 in Nottingham, England, whose ministry is the care of the sick and dying. They sponsor the Hospital and provide health care services in more than 10 countries around the globe.

Biotech: science improving nature

Improving Food Quality/Nutrition:

Tomatoes are warm weather favorites of backyard gardeners, primarily because of the fresh, vine-ripened flavor of the home-grown fruit. Because fully ripe tomatoes are difficult to shop without damage, commercially grown tomatoes are picked while firm, which may compromise full flavor development. But soon, biotechnology may offer consumers the convenience of buying vine-ripened tomatoes throughout the year at their local supermarkets. According to a recent announcement by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), researchers have developed a tomato that will taste fresher and last longer than conventionally bred supermarket varieties. Using biotechnology, researchers can slow down the ripening process, enabling tomato growers to let the fruit stay on the vine to ripen several extra days without become too soft for shipping. The full flavor and long shelf life of these tomatoes are not their only consumer appeal. Vine-

ripened tomatoes also turn a full red color due to increase in the pigment lycopene, an antioxidant associated with lower risks for certain cancers. The biotech-enhanced variety retains this property, producing a tasty and healthy option.

Improving Food Production/Food Availability:

American consumers who enjoy fresh papaya can thank plant biotechnology for helping keep store shelves stocked with the fruit. Much of the papaya sold and consumed on the U.S. mainland is produced in Hawaii, where it is the state's fifth largest crop. But in 1997, papaya ring spot virus (PRSV) had decimated Hawaii's \$17 million papaya industry. Production had fallen by nearly 40 percent, growers were going out of business and the industry was in danger of collapsing. However, Cornell University spokespeople say within just four years of the introduction of the fruit enhanced through biotechnology to resist the virus, papaya production had already rebounded to levels near where they were before the rescu-

ing the state's papaya industry. It is a great example of plant biotechnology's potential to improve otherwise threats their existence - it is an example that continues to benefit Hawaii today. In April, 2002, papaya ringspot virus was discovered in Maui. The recommendation of University of Hawaii experts replace infected trees with the virus-resistant biotech varieties.

\$8.5 billion Florida citrus industry turns to biotechnology for answer to disease:

Since 1996, Florida citrus growers have battled an outbreak of citrus canker, a devastating bacterial disease that can lead to losses of as much as 50 percent of fruit in heavily infected areas. The disease causes infected trees to lose leaves and fruit and can prevent trees from bearing fruit in future growing seasons. Citrus canker is especially problematic because the only method available to prevent its spread is to destroy and remove infected trees. No alternative treatments exist currently and eradicating citrus groves of

the disease during the last citrus canker outbreak (1986 to 1992) cost Florida growers and government agencies more than \$70 million. Thus far, the current outbreak has resulted in destruction of 90,000 mature trees at an average cost of approximately \$17 million per year. But the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services says plant biotechnology may soon provide an alternative treatment - canker-resistant trees. Researchers at the University of Florida, in conjunction with Florida biotech company Integrated Plant Genetics, have developed citrus trees resistant to the disease and are growing the trees in controlled greenhouse experiments. If greenhouse tests provide the desired results, the trees could soon be tested in fields. Upon successful field testing, Florida growers could soon have a powerful tool for preventing devastating crop losses and consumers can continue to enjoy tasty Florida citrus products, grown without costly eradication and control programs.

Researchers in need of

directions can consult peanut genome map:

Researchers at the University of Georgia have completed the first comprehensive genetic map of the peanut plant - a breakthrough that could help researchers breed peanuts that are more healthful and fight off disease more effectively. Scientists will use the map to learn what peanut genes do and where genes for key traits are located, making possible important improvements in the common peanut. For example, transferring a desirable trait such as increased resistance to nematodes, tiny worms that regularly destroy millions of dollars in the peanut crop annually, could protect farmers from crop losses and also reduce pesticide use. The map also could help produce a low allergen peanut, modify the nutritional profile of peanuts or improve drought-resistance in peanut plants.

Improving the Environment:

Natural rubber is scarce and may become more so if, as expected, many producers in areas of Southeast Asia

and Latin America soon turn to cultivation of more profitable crops. This is of great concern to the import-dependent United States, the largest consumer of natural rubber, with \$2 billion in annual rubber imports. To reduce dependence on foreign imports and enable environmentally friendly production of rubber, researchers are turning to biotechnology. One example is sunflower research led by a team of Colorado State University researchers. Sunflowers naturally produce small amounts of rubber, but the Colorado State team is using biotechnology to boost rubber production in the plants to commercial levels.

Ask CBI:

The Council for Biotechnology Information provides science-based information about how biotechnology is providing more and better food while protecting the environment. The Council represents nine of the world's leading biotechnology companies and trade associations.



LaSalle Bank offers free Homebuyer's Seminar

LaSalle Bank's Oak Lawn East branch will present a comprehensive home buying seminar on Tuesday, May 14 from 6-8 PM. The branch is located at 4200 West 95th Street in Oak Lawn.

The program will cover information about the home buying process, financing options, and the home loan application and closing process. Jack Baker, Branch Manager, will conduct it. Refreshments will be served.

With today's lower interest rates, it is important that potential homebuyers recognize how much they can afford. In the current market, people can typically qualify for a more expensive home than they have thought," said Baker.

The program will cover the following topics:

- Preparation to buy a home - what does a potential homebuyer need to know and what documents should he prepare.

- Understanding Financing - what options are available to a homebuyer, including adjustable rate and fixed loans;

- Loan Applications and Closing - what is the process to apply for a loan and what are the steps involved in closing on a deal.

The program will include a question-and-answer session, and a raffle will be held for program attendees.

The program is free and open to the public. However, space is limited and reservations are advised. For more information about the program or to make a reservation, call Cathy or Tracey at (708) 423-7800.

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Business Credit, Inc., and LaSalle National Leasing Corp. LaSalle is a subsidiary of Netherlands-based ABN AMRO, N.V., one of the world's largest banks with total assets of \$501 billion and more than 3,500 locations in 76 countries and territories.

In North America, ABN AMRO is headquartered in Chicago and has \$171 billion in assets and more than 19,000 employees with banking offices in 13 cities in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Major North American affiliates include ABN AMRO Incorporated, an investment banking advisory and brokerage firm; ABN AMRO Asset Management (USA) Inc.; LaSalle Bank in Chicago; Standard Federal Bank in Michigan and EAB in New York.

Sheriff's tips help avoid telemarketing scams

Representatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Office will be presenting a new program designed to help senior citizens protect themselves against telemarketing scams, according to the office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

Tips on Telemarketing Scams will be presented to the Faith Lutheran Church Seniors, 9700 S. Melvina, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, May 16 at 1:15 PM. Members attending this meeting will learn the do's and don'ts of responding to telemarketing scams and how to recognize scams by their "prizes" and

pressure phrases.

"My office receives thousands of complaints each year about telephone solicitations, many from senior citizens who are confused or alarmed as a result of receiving these relentless calls," Sheriff Sheahan said. "This program will help seniors recognize these scams and avoid becoming a victim of them."

For more information on the Tips on Telemarketing Scams program contact the Sheriff's Office of Community Services at (708) 974-6042.

United by faith holds excess item sale

United by Faith Excess Item Sale, Saturday, May 18, 9AM - 2PM, 3240 West 98th Street, Evergreen Park. Enter at rear parking lot. Phone the church office, 708-422-6301, for additional details. Unique Liturgical Sale! 2 congregations consolidated,

selling excess; folding chairs, choir robes, banners, Christmas decorations, kitchen items, large coffee pots, china, books, file cabinets, desks, office furniture and office machines.

Free skating for parents at ice arena events

To celebrate the upcoming parental holidays, the Oak Lawn Park District will offer two special open-skate events at its Ice Arena, located at 9320 S. Kenton Ave. The Mother's Day Open Skate - where moms will skate for free with a paying child - will be held Sunday, May 12, and the Father's Day Open Skate - where dads will skate for free with a paying child - will be held on Sunday, June 16. Both open-skate sessions will last from 1:30 PM to 2:50 PM.

The open-skate fee for children ages five years and younger is \$2, and the fee for ages six through 17 years is \$4. Skates are available to rent for \$2.25 per pair.

For more information, call the park district at (708) 857-5173, or e-mail info@olparks.com.

KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

by Kathy Whirity kathywhirity@mymailstation.com

Dear Readers,

The following is a heart warming story sent to me via E-mail by someone I have known just about my whole life - my best-friend - Marcie Suchinski.

For all the blessings I am grateful for in my life, it has been my good fortune to be blessed with the gift of Marcie's friendship.

So, I share with you this following message, as a reminder that no matter what situation you find yourself in - if you are rich in love and friendships, then you have the greatest treasures of all.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE POOR

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, dad."

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard than they have the horizon."

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight.

We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs.

We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

With this the boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, dad, for showing me how poor we are!"

Too many times we forget what we have and concentrate on what we don't have. What is one person's worthless object is another's prize possession. It is all based on one's perspective. Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for all the bounty that we have, instead of worrying about wanting more.

Take joy in all you have, especially your family and friends. They are our treasures!

We all need reminders from time to time.

Chicago Pair Documents Expedition through South America

The Stolen Buick Studio, located at 1303 West Chicago Avenue, will celebrate its 7th year presenting Chicago with art from around the world with their newest exhibit Three Countries, South, May 17-June 15.

Three Countries, South features hundreds of documentary photographs and video footage of Chile, Argentina and Uruguay by Chicago husband and wife team Alexandra and Michael Buxbaum.

The show highlights the best of the couple's works depicting what appears to be a vibrant, bustling urban Buenos Aires just before the country's current economic woes. In contrast to the hustle and bustle of the largest city of the South, we are led back in time to the quiet, cobblestone streets of Colonia, Uruguay where you can still find cars from the 40's and 50's parked along the tranquil, picturesque streets.

Nearly a thousand miles

west - and even further a field culturally - are the couple's images of Northern Chile depicting many smaller towns, cities, villages, and remote areas far off the beaten path. "Chile is well known to outdoor enthusiasts for its natural splendor and unique flora. Alexander Buxbaum says, "This show presents a personal and candid view into the everyday lives of South Americans...from where they work to where they relax, where they play and where they party." Whether it is the hustle and bustle of the South's largest cities; beach goers on summer holiday; a small boy's haircut; rambling towns spilled down alongside a hillside; fishing villages; or the breathtaking snow capped Andes; Three Countries, South brings forth the heart, soul and life force of these three countries. "This exhibit provides a photographic vision of the people, streets, and local cultures that are not found in any

of the travel guides," continues Buxbaum.

The exhibition highlights the Stolen Buick Studio's mission of the past seven years to promote the creation and display of art that features the connection between people and the streets where they live and work. The goal of the Studio is to allow viewers a chance to see a perspective of everyday life that most people overlook in their rush getting someplace else.

The opening reception for Three Countries, South will be Friday, May 17 from 5-9 PM. Reservations are required for this free event by calling The Stolen Buick Studio at 312/226-5902, or e-mail stolenbuick@hotmail.com. Regular show hours are 12-5 PM Saturdays and Sundays and 307 PM Fridays, or by appointment.

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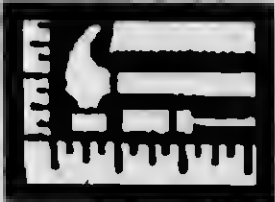
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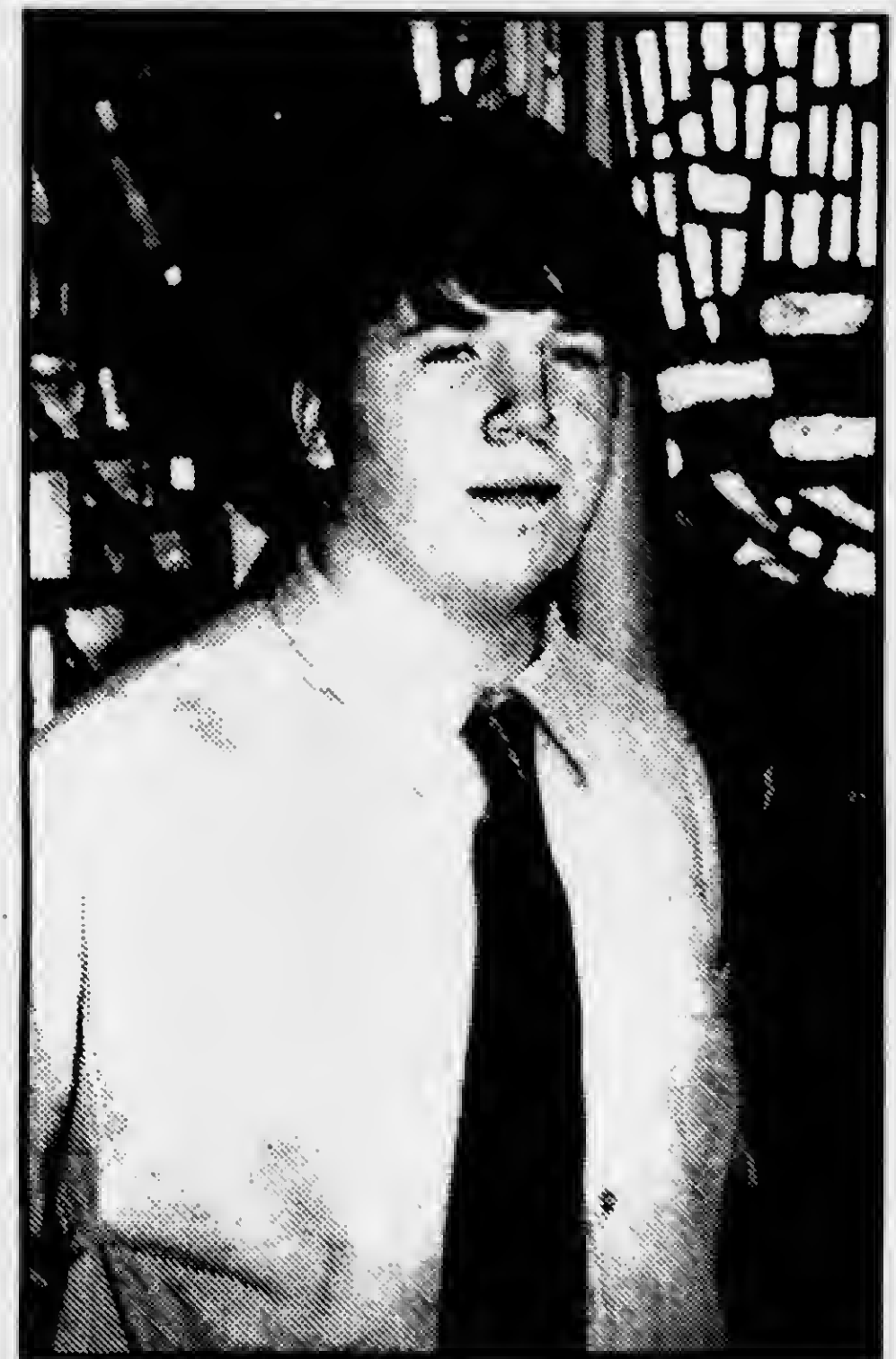
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Training program at Central Pool in June. Once you pass the program, you can apply for lifeguard positions.

A pre-qualifying swimming test for the program will be held Thursday, June 13, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Lifeguard Training will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, June 14, and from Monday, June 17, through Thursday, June 20. The program is open to ages 16 years and up. Class fee is \$125; registration is taken at the Oak View Center, located at 4625 W. 110th St. For more information on this program or the community pools in Oak Lawn, contact the park district at (708) 857-2200 or by e-mail at info@olparks.com.



St. Laurence student wins in essay contest

Mr. Thomas Boyle, Chairperson of the Cultural Committee of Gaelic Park, has announced the winners for the 2002 Gaelic Park essay contest. Among the winners is Aiden Farrelly (pictured), Burbank resident and a junior at St. Laurence High School. Farrelly won 3rd place in his category and took home a \$500 prize.

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Tinley Park Happenings

by Jude Coyle

Economic Development Breakfast

Tinley Park's annual Economic Development Breakfast took place on Wednesday April 17th. Mayor Patrick Zabrocki explained the schedule. "We take no more than an hour, hour and a half of their time. We begin at 7:30. This year we had it at the Convention Center. We rotate. Every other year we hold it at Odyssey Country Club.

The schedule was planned in three parts, he explained. First was an overview. Next Trustee Patrick Rea discussed micro and macro economics.

Finally, awards were presented. Culver's Restaurant received recognition for Outstanding Commercial Development. Ed and Joe's Restaurant received an award for Outstanding Commercial Improvement. San-fratello's Restaurant won this year's Outstanding New Business award. Outstanding Contribution to the Community went to Bettenhausen Dodge.

Director of the Library Pam Deiters was recognized as Outstanding Chamber Member. Special Recognition for Outstanding Service to the Community was given to Mayor Patrick Zabrocki and Trustee Patrick Rea. Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Eldon Miller and Reda Brudd.

Metra Station Ground Breaking

At 3:30PM on April 24th, politicians, Illinois Department Of Transportation (IDOT), and Metra officials gathered at 174th and Oak Park Avenue to turn ceremonial shovels of rock and gravel. This action commemorated the construction of the third consecutive train station to stand at that site since the end of the Civil War.

Remarks began once the 3:30 train passed. The day was bright, clear and windy. Speakers paused as breezes sometimes over-powered the sound equipment.

Trustee Patrick Rea,

Chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced audience members. He called on Mayor Patrick Zabrocki, Tinley Park's mayor for 22 years. Clerk Frank W. German, Rea said, had served the Village for 32 years. Rea introduced the Village Board and Tinley Park officials. Maureen Kelly represented Senator Dick Durbin. Former Blue Island Mayor John Rita represented Cook County Board Chairman John Stroger. Rick Bryant represented Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. Cyrell R. McLemore, Project Manager, represented IDOT.

Mayor Zabrocki spoke. He reminded all that the State of Illinois is facing a major budgetary short fall. As of July 1, he said, Tinley Park might lose \$450 to \$500,000 in State support.

Lowell Anderson, Treasurer of Metra Board of Directors, spoke. He moved to Palos Hills, he said, when nothing but corn fields separated his home and Flossmoor. He spoke of how



Tinley Metra Station ground breaking

Pictured, right to left, Tinley Park Village Clerk Frank German, Trustee Patrick Rea, Mayor Edward J. Zabrocki, Trustees Gregory Hannon, David G. Seaman, Matthew J. Heffernan at the April 25, Metra station groundbreaking in Tinley Park.

the Rock Island built a second Tinley Park station at 80th Avenue even though experts thought it wouldn't get much use. "Today," Anderson said, "Eighteen hundred commuters use 80th Avenue, and 1200 use Tinley Park." Daily, he said, 47 trains travel that line.

James Petrakos, Staff Architect of Legat Architects,

called the design "...A time-piece for the future of Tinley Park...." Indeed, the building will resemble a timepiece. Mr. Petrakos introduced the project designer, Mark Brody of Legat Architects.

Patrick Rea took over again, saying, "(The building) ...is a great design, a great place.. (the ground breaking was) ...an historic

event..." The speeches, ended as planned, when the next train sped through the crossing. A reception followed at Lavery's Pub, 6657 South.

George Allen Construction is the contractor. The project is expected to total \$3,500,000. It is scheduled to open in December.



Volunteers needed for "Special" day

Volunteers are needed for the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's "15th Annual Norm Meyers' Special Day for Special People" on Thursday, May 30, 2002. This event will be held on the Orland Days Grounds from 10:30AM until 1:30PM. The Orland Days Celebration will

be in the Orland Park Place Mall parking lot at 152nd and 94th Avenue. An orientation meeting will be held on May 30th at 9:00AM under the big tent. Coffee and donuts will be served.

"This event shows how people from all facets of the Orland Park community come out to help individuals with special needs," said Orland Park Special Recreation Program Supervisor Kris Rau. "Everyone is invited to lend a hand—teens on up to seniors," she added.

Nearly 2000 individuals with special needs have been invited to enjoy a free by-invitation-only day of carnival rides, games, lunch and gifts.

Volunteers can either help serve lunch or assist individuals on to and off of rides. This day is co-sponsored by the Orland Park Lions Club, the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, Miller Amusement Company and a number of businesses and organizations in the area.

Further information is available by calling Kris Rau at 708/403-7275.

Orland offers family getaways

The Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department is planning a Family Get Away to St. Louis, departing Friday, July 26th and returning Sunday, July 28th.

This three day, two night deluxe motor coach trip includes transportation, accommodations at the Holidome Holiday Inn, four meals and fees to the included attractions.

The trip includes admis-

sion to the Cubs vs. Cardinals game at Busch Stadium; visits to the Gateway Arch; Six Flags over St. Louis; St. Louis Zoological Park; Union Station; Gateway Riverboat Cruise in the Mississippi River; Merrimac Caverns; St. Louis Science Center and the Holidome Holiday Inn.

The cost for a family of two is \$704, while the cost for a family of three is \$927

and a family of four is \$1212. The cost for each additional family member is \$1212.00. A \$125 deposit is due at registration.

Registration is available at Orland Park's Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex at 11351 West 159th Street. Questions may be directed to Fisk at 708/493-7275.

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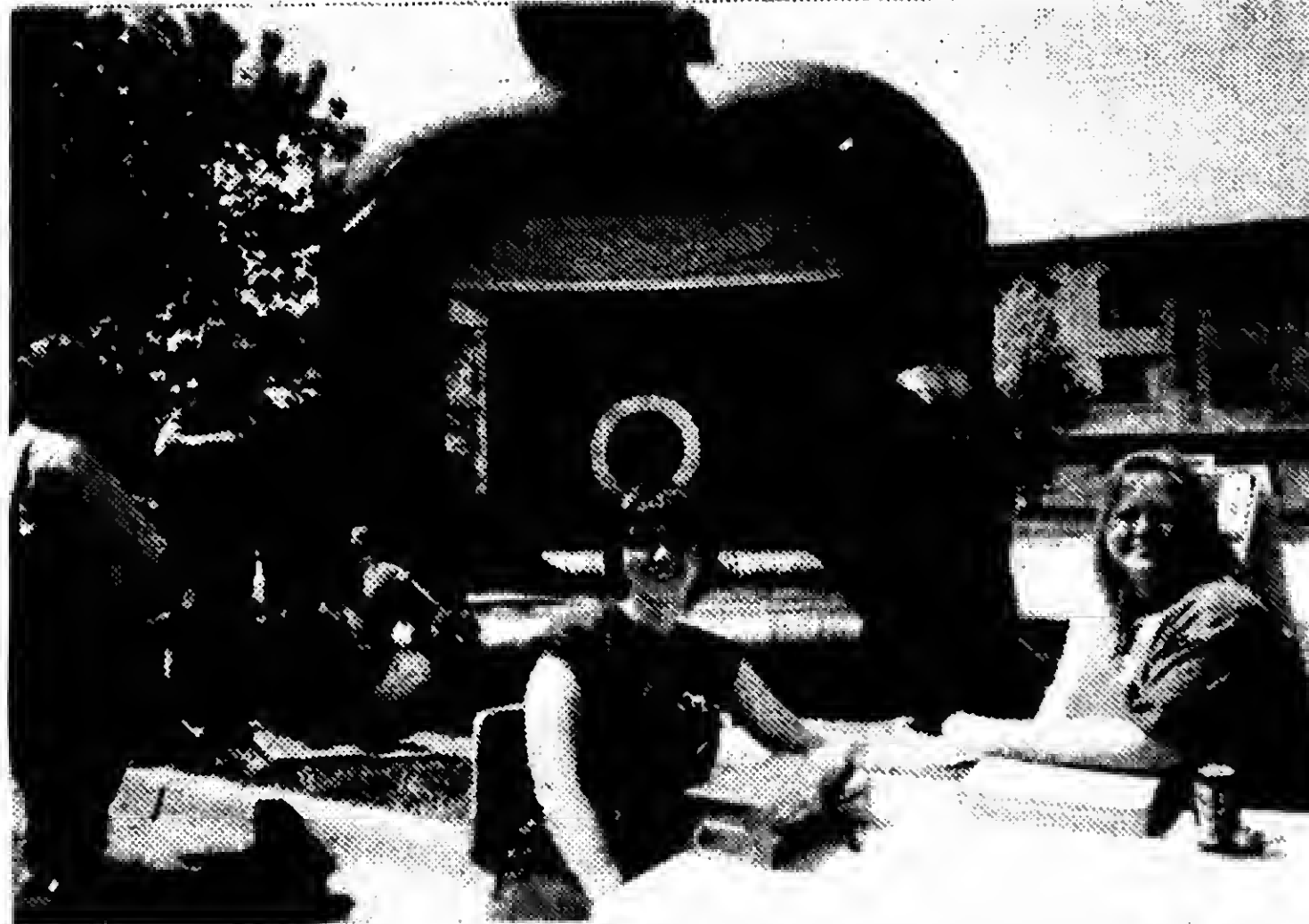
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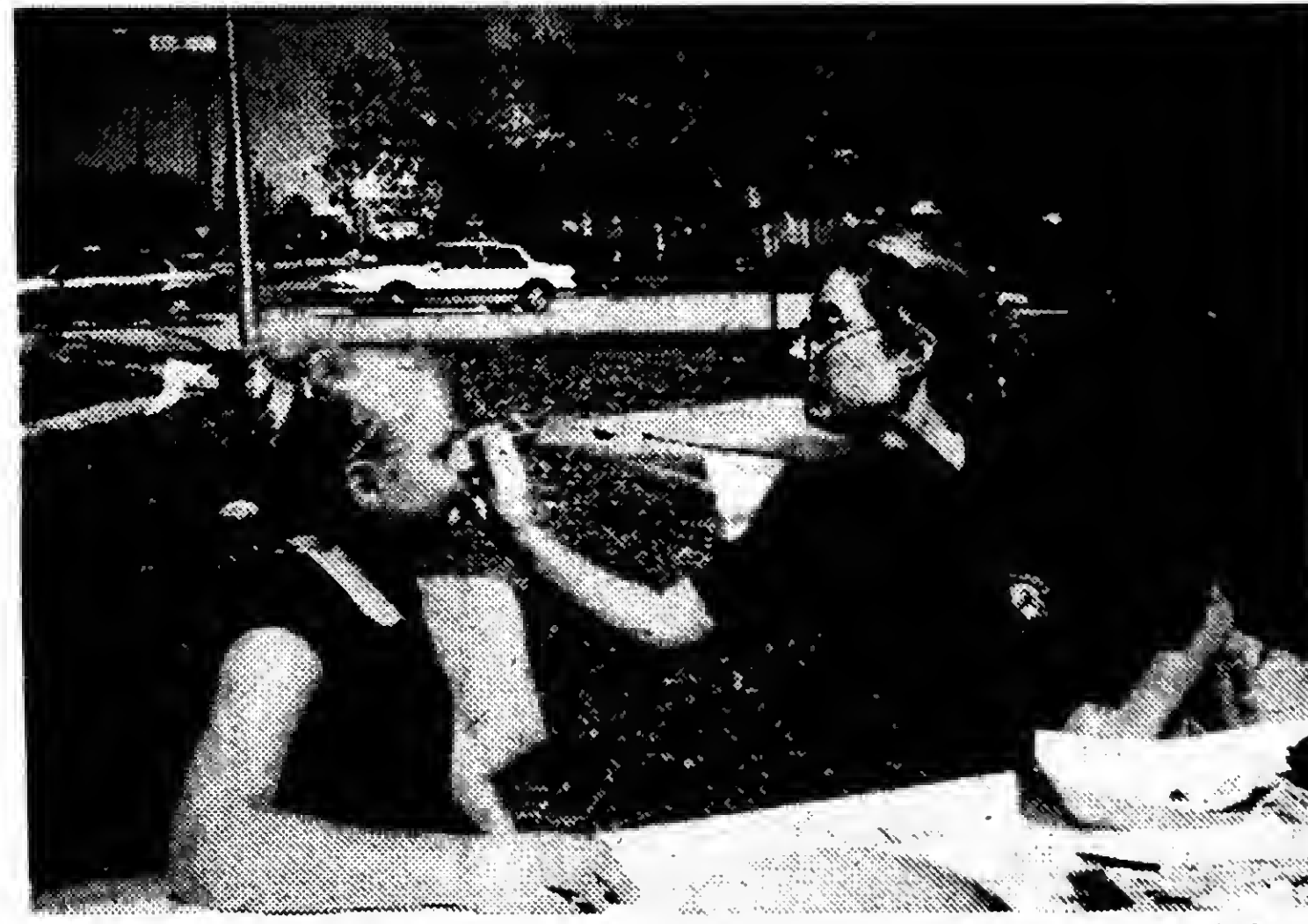
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Peggy Price, Oak Lawn resident, volunteer and Bonnie Frenzel, resident of Oak Lawn and volunteer worked the moon walk for children.



Gail Leverenz, resident of Orland Park pictured with her animals. (Gail is in the middle of the picture.)



Animal Welfare Chicago Ridge volunteer Deb Vege, paints Amanda Finn's face with dog.

Animal Welfare presents a fun filled faire

by Annette Dixon

Recently in Chicago Ridge, Animal Welfare volunteers helped to bring together a fund-raiser faire to help unwanted animals and promote adoption.

There were many people enjoying the sunny day by bringing their pets at a special time to have them blessed by Father Frank Burek, assistant pastor at St. Louis DeMontfort, Oak

Lawn.

Food of course was a good staple for humans along with fun activities for the children.

Gail Leverenz, Orland Park, designed, painted and sold plaques, statues of dogs and cats of all breeds. She hand painted voile light holders with each species.



by Annette Dixon

Kim Geraci, age 23, a Chicago resident brought the cremated remains of her pet of 16 years to be blessed.

A touching emotion took place when Father Burek blessed the remains of Gizmo, Kim's pet dog.

Surely, one can be assured that even the dead animals have the right for blessings.

See our article on page 2.

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Left to right: Dr. James Casey, Library Director, front Patricia Roberts, Sen. Patrick O'Malley, Joann Buschbach, president of the board, Robert Honkisz, Lois Gasteyer, Shirley Barrett, Marian Sullivan, State Rep. Anne Zickus.

Groundbreaking, major improvements for Oak Lawn library

by Annette Dixon

A \$5.2 million project replaces the 48 year old one story structure for a two story 30,00 square foot addition with a full basement.

It may take 14-18 months but it will increase the facility by 25 percent in the fall of 2003.

What started as pigeon coop, and developed into a 72 foot by 36 foot structure in 1958, then two additions adding nearly 14,000 sq. ft. will now become more than 68,000 sq. ft.

The example of our leadership from the village Mayor Ernie Kolb and the board of library trustees, along with state and local public officials, Oak Lawn will by far have the best library in the South Suburban District.

On a personal note, this publisher remembers in 1970, complaining to Dee Kobb, then an employee how backwards Oak Lawn was for having an inadequate library.

My smile is very wide this day, seeing the enormous capacity of a learning structure in just one building. The Oak Lawn library was noted for having the most complete business and law books outside of Law schools, now it will serve to improve many library services and access to technology.

Thank you to the current and past library board member for all the dedication you have put into serving the whole community.

Oak Lawn Meeting

by Carlene O'Connor

At the Oak Lawn meeting of May 14, under new business Trustee Rosenbaum brought up the temporary signs he sees in commercial areas and the sign ordinance. He asked what could be done, if anything, and if they were legal. Trustee Stancik asked the mayor for \$25000.00 for St. Gerald's for a flashing yellow light as a safety issue. As far as the sign ordinance, he said to confiscate the signs by the police department as other towns do and get strict with people. Trustee Streit said he'd like to reduce the speed limit on Oak Lawn streets to 20 miles an hour. Trustee Hurekes made a proclamation for

Sister O'Donnell, principle of St. Louis De Montfort for her years of service. May 31 at the school, she is retiring.

Trustee Joy said Acron Ridge residents are sending letters to newspapers and the governor asking for a traffic light and asked the council to do the same. Trustee Keane said the 103rd Street project will begin Friday June 14.

The following items were approved on consent agenda; 1) request for side yard setback and equal side yard variations 9001 Crescent Court, George Stourton, Petitioner. 2) post a "Residential Permit Only" sign including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays on the north side of 96th Street between tow points being 321 ft and 376 ft respectively west of the west line of Nottingham Avenue. 3) approve Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Appropriation Resolution and Engineering Agreement for 2002

Street Resurfacing Program. 4) Award contract for the 2002 supply of limestone (Aggregate) materials for the Department of Public Works to the low bidder, Vulcan Material Company of Lombard, Illinois at unit price amounts of \$7.68 per ton for grade 8 and \$4.50 per ton for 3" delivered, and at the unit price amounts of \$4.50 per ton for grade 8 and \$5.65 per ton for 3" picked up at their yard. 5) award contract for the 2002 supply of Bituminous Concrete materials for the Department of Public Works to the low bidder, as a result of application of the hauling differential, Crowley-Sheppard Asphalt Inc. of Chicago Ridge in the amount of \$24.40 for Binder and \$29.15 for Surface. 6) recommendation to award contract for 52nd Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement 94th Street to Ruby Street to low bidder, Di Paolo

Construction Company of Calumet Park in the amount of \$247,707.50. 7) renewal of lease agreement between the Village of Oak Lawn and Robert Kenny Jr. at 5210 W. 95th Street. 8) request to replace one police patrol officer from current eligibility. 9) request to hire one new fire fighter from the current eligibility list due to retirement.

An ordinance was passed making it unlawful to ride in the Village of Oak Lawn unbuckled in your car.

Village Manager's Report: An ordinance authorizing certain traffic regulations (Residential Parking Permit Only signs) east side of 55th Court between Southwest Highway and Mc Nichols Drive from the hours of 7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. excluding Saturdays and Sundays, and south side of Mc Nichols Drive between 55th Court and Central Avenue from the hours of 7:00a.m. to

5:00p.m. excluding Saturdays and Sundays / Approved.

Mayor's Report: Resolution concerning state income tax and photo-processing tax shared with municipalities. Mayor Kolb stated that we object as a community and the board concluded.

The next regular meeting will be May 28.

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—Oliver Wendell Holmes



Frank March, library board trustee and son Tom attended the ground breaking ceremony, Sunday, May 19, 2002.

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Alexis and Christopher Streit, children of Oak Lawn Children's museum board member Linda Streit and Oak Lawn Trustee Robert Streit, enjoy an art activity at the groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, May 18th. The Oak Lawn Children's Museum still needs donations. For information on how you could contribute to the museum, call (708)423-6709.



Winners of the Oak Lawn Fire Department's poster contest were announced recently. Left to right) Kaylee White, contest winner Sara Mullin, Matthew Koshan and Fire Inspector Gary Patrick.

St. Gerald students win fire safety poster contest

The winners of the Oak Lawn Fire Department's fire safety poster contest were announced at the May luncheon of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. The top winners are all students at St. Gerald's School.

Sara Mullin was awarded First Place and will receive a

\$100 savings bond. The picture she drew will be used as the official Oak Lawn Fire Department Fire Prevention poster and will grace the cover of the fire safety coloring book illustrated by Charles J. Ciolino.

The Second Place winner Kaylee White and Third

Place winner Matthew Koshan will both receive \$50 savings bonds for their artistic endeavors.

The contest began last September during Fire Prevention Week and is funded by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

"Joseph" offers summer fun at Drury Lane

One of the most frequently requested shows by all age audiences, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will explode onto the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage from June 5-August 4. Directed by Drury Lane's acclaimed Artistic Director Ray Frewen, it is limited to a nine week run and is the second show of the Drury Lane's subscription series.

Written in 1968 by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice, in their first collaboration, it was meant to be a modest 15-minute musical for schools and churches. The show retells the Biblical tale of Joseph, his father Jacob, and his 11 brothers. The familiar story recounts Joseph's sale into slavery by his brothers, who are consumed with jealousy over their father's show of favoritism in giving Joseph a "coat of many colors".

A Drury Lane Oakbrook

newcomer, Daniel Tatar, heads the large and energetic cast. Jeff Max will have fun with the role of Pharaoh. Heidi Kettenring, familiar to Drury Lane audiences from her roles in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* and *Jesus Christ, Superstar*, will be the Narrator. Joseph's brothers will include Rod Thomas, Paul Sullenger, Eric Parker, Darius Fearington, Kevin Barthel, Dan Brintz and Chris Herzberger.

James Zager and Marcie Calcino will share choreography duties while Jeff Bell will handle musical direction. Kurt Sharp, resident set designer, will design the set and Greg Slawko will coordinate costumes. Shannon McKinney will create the lighting.

Tickets range from \$19-\$25, with dinner theatre packages starting at \$38. Please call (630)520-0111 for reservations.

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Oak Lawn Lions 31st annual law and order night

by Kelly Smith

During this year of tragedy, a police officer and fire fighter have been recognized more than ever for their every day heroic acts. On Tuesday, May 7, 2002, the Oak Lawn Lions held their 31st annual law and order night; a night completely dedicated to honoring two incredibly hard-working men who have given their lives to serving our community. Held at the Oak Lawn Hilton, the night included a dinner, plaques for the two honorees, and a speech by Leonard Edling, a terrorism program coordinator.

Dennis Toomey was recognized as police officer of the year. A plaque was presented by Oak Lawn Police Chief Robert Smith, to Toomey for this "untiring ef-

forts." Toomey has been a police officer for the past 21 years and an evidence technician for the past six years. He is trained in photography, deposit kits, and breathe test. He is a department gang officer and is also an Edge instructor. "Toomey", said Robert Smith, "does very well getting in touch with the kids."

Paramedic Keith Giles was recognized as fire fighter of the year. His plaque was presented by Fire Chief, Tom Moran. Giles has been involved with the fire department for six years. He has served in the U.S. Air force during the years of 1991 through 1995. He is a EMT, an emergency medical technician and a shift instructor who teaches CPR. Moran said, "Giles is truly an ordinary person who can do ex-

traordinary things."

After the plaques from the Lions were given to the men, the Richards' LEO Club presented certificates of appreciation.

President Kelly Smith and treas. Jennifer Asimakopoulos spoke on how the youth truly appreciate the work of their community heroes.

Towards the end of the night, Leonard Edling spoke about his job in terrorism and the outcomes September 11th brought. He explained the year's objective and goals than went into detail about the new training fire fighters and police officers will be obtaining.

In attendance at this special event, Lion Ernie Kolb, Oak Lawn's mayor and the District Governor of the Lion's club, Catherine Rondinelli, played a vital



role. President Lion Ed Moses introduced the meeting while George "Skip" Pearson acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Oak Lawn Fire Chief, Tom Moran; Firefighter Keith Giles; Officer Dennis Toomey; Mayor Ernie Kolb, and Police Chief, Robert Smith.

Oak Lawn Park District pools get ready

The Oak Lawn Park District will operate three community swimming pools this season.

Set to open Saturday, May 25, is the most centrally located pool in Oak Lawn, Memorial Pool (102nd Street and Major Avenue). Serving the east end of town, Central Pool (94th Street and Kenton Avenue) will open on Saturday, June 1, and at the west end, Centennial Pool (94th Street and Nashville Avenue)

will open on Saturday, June 8. Pool passes — which are good for any day at any pool this season — are currently on sale at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.).

For more information on pool rentals, passes or lessons, contact the park district at (708) 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.

Oak Lawn Park District's summer concert series

The Oak Lawn Park District has recently announced its summer 2002 concert series. All concerts are free of charge and are held in area parks.

Kicking off summer will be the jump, rhythm and blues band, Rhythm Rockets on Monday, May 27, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Memorial Park (102nd Street and Major Avenue). The band will perform as part of the park district's annual Red, White & Blue and Flower Sale, Too Memorial Day event.

In June, audiences will be entertained by two very different musical groups: Waterhouse (a reggae band) on Thursday, June 20, at Centennial Park (94th Street and Nashville Avenue); and Special Consensus (a bluegrass band) on Thursday, June 27, at Worthbrook Park (89th Place and Ridgeland Avenue). Both concerts will begin at 7 PM.

Appearing before Oak Lawn's annual fireworks display at Richards High School

(106th Street and Central Avenue) at 8 PM on Thursday, July 4, will be the rock and soul band. Admission to this concert and the fireworks display is free. The fireworks are co-sponsored by the Village of Oak Lawn.

Wrapping up summer will be Dave Rudolph, a children's entertainer, on Thursday, Aug. 1, at 7 PM at Lakeshore Park (96th Street and Lakeshore Avenue), and Professor John --who will play New Orleans style jazz -- on Monday, Sept. 2 at 1 PM at Wolfe Wildlife Park (109th Street and Laramie Avenue). Professor John's performance will be part of the Oak Lawn Park District's annual Call of the Wild Labor Day festival, an event that includes a one-mile dog walk and live animal demonstrations.

For more information on these concerts or to request your free summer-events calendar, call the park district at (708) 857-2225 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

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Village of Orland Sponsors Gardening contest

The Village of Orland Park invites amateur gardeners to enter the 4th annual garden contest. All contestants must be 18 years of age and older and reside within the corporate limits of Orland Park. This year's contest is divided into two categories.

Category I will include gardens of detached, single-family homes. Gardens will be judged on originality, creativity and overall maintenance. Entries will include front, back and side yards, as well as how the landscaping relates to the house, but will not include the house itself.

Consideration will also be given to the use of color, texture and the variety and combinations of plants and flowers used. The village invites those with a traditional or unusual gardens and previous contestants to enter.

Category II will include improvements to enhance the entrance of a subdivision. Contestants must be a homeowner or group of homeowners who have planted and maintained the entrance of a subdivision. Improvements might include the planting and maintenance of flowers and shrubs, add-

ing lights, maintaining or changing the entrance sign. Entrances completely landscaped and maintained by professional landscapers and gardeners are not eligible. Judging will be based on originality, creativity and overall maintenance, as well as the use of color, texture and the variety and combinations of plants and flowers used. Contestants are encouraged to submit pictures of the entrance before the improvements were made.

Landscape architects, contractors and professional landscapers and gardeners

are not eligible to compete. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2002. Judging will take place in August and awards will be presented at a Board of trustees meeting in September. Applications are available at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 S. Ravinia Avenue.

For more information call (708) 403-6145.

Water Conservation begins in Orland Park

The Village of Orland Park's outdoor water conservation program went into effect Wednesday, May 15 and continues through September 15.

Lawn sprinkling and outdoor water usage is permitted only between the hours of 7 AM to 11 AM and 7 PM to 11 PM on the permitted day. Regular outdoor water usage includes, but is not limited to, all lawn and garden sprinklers or underground irrigation systems for car washing, residential pool maintenance and other similar uses, but shall not include water used for construction or building renovation purposes, commercial car wash operations, or filling of swimming pools.

Newly sodded lawns may be watered more frequently upon application for and a

receipt of a special permit from the Public Works Department. Any person, corporation, or organization violating the village's water usage provision or any special permit is subject to fines up to \$750 per offense. Each day of violation and each violating location shall be considered a separate offense.

Questions regarding lawn sprinkling or outdoor water usage may be directed to the Public Works Department at (708) 403-6350.

Orland Park Recreation Dept. has preschool graduation

Orland Park Pre-School graduates high school class of 2015 Orland Park Recreation Department Marks 25th Commencement Exercises.

The Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department Playskool Program will graduate its 25th consecutive class on Thursday, May 23, 2002. The nearly 200 four and five year olds graduating from the village's Advanced

Playskool Program will graduate from high school in 2016.

Two ceremonies will be held in the gymnasium of the village's Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center located at 14650 S. Ravinia Avenue, two blocks west of LaGrange Road U.S. Route 45. The first ceremony will begin at 9:00 AM with songs performed by the graduates, followed by

the full parade of graduates complete with mortarboards and tassels. The second ceremony will begin at 12:30 pm with songs, also followed by the procession of graduates. Further information about Orland Park's Playskool Program is available by calling the Village's Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

Special Day for special people at Orland Days

Norm Meyer 15th Annual Special Day for Special People Held during Orland Park Annual Orland Days celebration Sponsored by the Village of Orland Park, Orland Park Lions Club and Miller Amusement Company Thursday, May 30, 2002 - 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Orland Park Place Mall Parking Lot, 15200 South 94th Avenue two blocks east of LaGrange Road).

1750 individuals with special needs from nearly 50 different Chicago area agencies accompanied by 700 to 800 chaperones helped and served lunch by 200-300 volunteers. This heart-warming day is a beautiful site to behold! The entire Orland Days Carnival is open only to individuals with special needs. This by-invitation-only event (which already has a waiting list!) enables special needs

individuals to experience a carnival — many for the very first time! Volunteers from throughout the Orland Park community help participants onto and off of rides. Orland Firefighters Union Local #2754 provides free hot dogs for the guests and food, prizes, give aways and more are donated by a host of businesses and companies

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Crown Mortgage dresses down for charity

Crown Mortgage of Oak Lawn employees celebrated "Dress-Down Fridays" with the wearing of casual dress and a gift to Village Pantry of Evergreen Park. Totally unexpected was a gift of \$1400 from 40 employees of Crown Mortgage given to Food Pantry which serves the

needy of Evergreen Park and others. The gift will be distributed to families to buy the fresh foods which the food pantry does not normally stock. TGIFs (Thank God It's Friday) was never truer, said George O'Grady this year's Pantry president. Michael Allen, manager

of Crown Mortgage, say each of his 40 employees contributed for the good of the community as part of the celebration of dressing down on casual Friday meetings.

"You never looked better than when you help a stranger," Grady said.

Greta Wiley speaks at Prosperity Club

The Prosperity Club at Advance Bank presents a Greta Wiley Book Review and luncheon at Georgios Banquets located at 8800 West 159th Street, Orland Park, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 5, 2002 at 11:00 AM.

Greta is a full-blooded book dramatist, mounting a one-woman show that summarizes entire novels and biographies complete with character dialogue and running commentary in 70 minutes or so on stage. She breathes living passion and

fury into the work, never without a point of view.

Miss Wiley's dramatization for this event will be "SOMEWHERE FOR ME", a new biography on Richard Rodgers by Meryle Secrest. Miss Wiley's timely program ties into the 100 anniversary celebration of the birth of Richard Rodgers and the 100th anniversary of Advance Bank. Come help us celebrate these special occasions.

Up-to-the-minute information on a variety of books

will also be part of the program.

Cost for this special luncheon program is \$22. Per member and \$27 per guest. Reservations are required. Send check(s) payable to Advance Bank Prosperity Club, 28300 Dixie Hwy., Homewood, Illinois, 60430. For more information call (708) 647-2088. Advance Bank is a community-based bank with 16 convenient locations.

Museum president addresses Chicago Southland

Field Museum President and Chief Executive Officer John W. McCarter, Jr., will speak at the Chicago Southland chamber of Commerce monthly Regional Consensus Luncheon on Monday, June 10, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel & Conference Center.

Sponsors of the event are Ford Motor Company and the Holiday INN-Matteson in Association with The Star and Daily Southtown newspapers.

A native Chicagoan, McCarter previously was

Senior Vice President of Booz Allen & Hamilton, Inc. Earlier in his career, he served as President of DeKalb Corporation and was Budget Director of the State of Illinois under Governor Richard B. Ogilvie. He was White House Fellow during the administration of Lyndon B. Johnson.

McCarter is a director of W.W. Grainger, A.M. Castle, Harris Insight Funds and Divergence LLC. He is a board member and former Chairman of Chicago's Public Television Station Channel

11, a trustee of the University of Chicago and a director of the Chicago Public Education Fund.

The Field Museum is an international leader in environmental conservation, evolutionary biology, paleontology and anthropology. Its collections number over 21 million specimens, and the staff includes 72 Ph.D.s. The field has activities in 93 countries.

Maria High School Congratulates The Class of 2002

Some of the prominent colleges and universities Maria graduates will attend this fall include:

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Queen of Martyr students honor nurses

The nurses at Evergreen Healthcare Center had an extra surprise in store for them during National Nurses Week, May 6 thru 12. Local elementary school children had been invited by the facility to enter a contest to illustrate What a Nurse Means to me. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders from Queen of Martyrs School responded with heartwarming pictures and essays that now line the halls of Evergreen Healthcare Center for all the nurses, residents and visitors to view. Winners were warmly applauded and rewarded with certificates and gifts in a ceremony at the facility May 7.

First place winners:

Emily Drenovsky, Kevin Hasenfang, Jeanine McMahon and Haley Stercic. Second place winners: Grace Boyle, Peggy Clemens, Christina Marolda, Luke Maton, Clara Ochoa and Natalie Gurgone. Third place winners: Anthony Baldacci, Thomas Minnick, and Sara Paschke.

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Pictured are Luke Maton, Jeanine McMahon, Greg Kennedy, Administrator of Evergreen, Sara Paschke, Clara Ochoa and Grace Boyle.

Worth Farmer's Market opening

The Village of Worth will be hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 5th at 9:00AM. Coffee and donuts will be served and visitors can meet with local dignitaries and officials as Worth opens its Farmers Market for another successful year. Visitors will be delighted with the variety of wares offered by old and new vendors.

Spring cleaning? Donate it to the library

It's time for spring cleaning! The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, is accepting donations of books, cassettes, CDs, and videos in good condition. All donations are evaluated for addition to the library collection. Those not added are offered at the library's annual outdoor book sale in July. Call 708/422-8522 for delivery instructions.

Sertoma tries to get the word out about hearing loss

Since 1927, May has been the nationally recognized month to highlight the importance of communications skills.

Talk is not cheap. Over 14 million Americans have a speech or language problem. These disorders affect every age and range from stuttering to the inability to speak or remember words. Speech problems are serious. The isolate us from other people and frustrate our efforts to grow and learn.

During this special month, audiologists are asking all individuals to listen for signs of hearing loss. An estimated 28 million Americans experience a hearing loss that can be treated. Our hearing capabilities can change over time for a variety of reasons. In adults, exposure to high noise levels and the aging process contribute to most hearing

problems. In children, birth difficulties and chronic ear infections can attributed to hearing loss over time or fluctuating hearing levels.

To promote awareness within the communities we serve, Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center is sponsoring activities throughout the month.

Free hearing screenings will be offered to all individuals age 21 and older.

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In honor of the celebration of Better Speech & Hearing Month, Sertoma will be raf-

fling a FREE trip for two to Las Vegas, hotel and airfare provided by the Las Vegas Hilton and Frontier Airlines. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at both Sertoma facilities. You can also call to have tickets mailed to you by 708-599-9500. All proceeds benefit the Neediest Client Fund.

For children, Sertoma is sponsoring a coloring contest and essay contest with \$100 Savings Bond provided by Founders Bank, awarded to the winner. For further information, contact Kim at 708/599-9500.

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Cardiac imaging at St. Francis Hospital

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United Way of Alsip to hold Beautiful Baby contest at fest

United Way of Alsip-Garden Homes will participate in the 27th anniversary of the Alsip Summerfest, June 21-23 by hosting a Beautiful Baby Contest at the Fest.

The United Way Alsip-Garden Homes will award a 1st Prize of a \$100 bond and 2nd and 3rd place prizes of \$50 bonds. The winners will be chosen by the most monetary donations in the picture

jars.

The rules are: Baby contestants MUST be an Alsip-Garden Homes resident. Contestant MUST be aged newborn-three years by June 24. Contestants must mail in a non-returnable 3x5 photograph with name, birth date, address and phone written on the back and be postmarked by midnight, June 15. The first 30 entries qualified will

participate in the contest.

If interested, please send in the required information and pictures to:

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by Annette Dixon

Chairman scholarship, eh Pat Grieco spent many volunteer hours, searching, reading, and evaluating scholar winners. This year the following winners were selected: **Nicholas Louis Angeloni**, a senior at Morton West high school will be entering Loyola University this fall and his major will be biology.

Jenny M. Broast, a Stagg high school National Honor member, also plays soccer and is captain of her team. She will be attending Illinois State University.

Brittany Burns attends Waubesa Valley high school and a member of the cross country team and serves as co-captain. She will enter Kendall college in Evanston and hopes someday to own her own bakery.

Jason Allen Cascio is from Oak Lawn high school a National Honor member and president of the Mathlete team. Jason is an officer in the school theater program. Jason will enroll at Knox College and major in biochemistry. He has a GPA 4.38 with an ACT of 31 and class rank of 5/372.

Jonathan Christie, a straight A student for all four years at Marist High School. He is a member of the student council, soccer and baseball teams and senior president of the National Honor society. Jonathan will be attending the University of Chicago where he will be studying criminal forensic science.

Deidre Ann Delcamo from Maria high school. She will be attending Eastern Illinois University and pursue a degree as a secondary art teacher. Deidre is also active on the volleyball team.

Michael Vincent Difiore is a senior at Provident Catholic high school. He plans after high school to enroll at the University of Iowa and major in business management or law.

Jenna Candice Harper, a student from Oak Lawn high

school will be attending the University of Illinois at Champaign and would like to be a perpetual student.

Brian Hawkins attends St. Rita and involved with the Lion's club, National Honor student and varsity basketball. He will be attending the University of Illinois.

Lawrence Benjamin Jaskunas attends Argo Community high school. He is a member of the golf team and received the Presidents Award for Educational Excellence for the last three years. He will attend Purdue University and major in Engineering.

John Anthony Laroy, currently enrolled at Marist, GPA 5.39 and play soccer, hockey, baseball and will be attending the University of John Hopkins.

Ryan S. Leung, a senior at Brother Rice high school is 6 out of 245 with straight A's. He plans on attending the University of Iowa this fall.

Janelle Lynn Mallios is a Sandberg high school senior. She student teaches at Holy Cross Greek school. She has been accepted at three big ten schools and decided on University of Illinois Champaign. Her major will be Pre-Med Optometry.

Vincent Michael Micheletto a senior at St. Lawrence high school where he is a member of the baseball and basketball teams. He looks forward to attend Eastern Illinois University and major in business.

Laura Ann Mottl from Oak Lawn high school is involved in the School newspaper. She will be attending

the University of Illinois.

Rachel Claire Rossignuolo a senior at Downers Grove high school. She plans on attending the University of Illinois and major in Psychology and one day earn a doctorate. She has a ACT 32.

Erica Asleigh Walters is an International student. She attended high school at the American overseas school of Rome in Italy. She plans to attend DePaul University and work toward a Law degree.

Reno Joseph Zenere a senior from St. Rita high school has been on the school honor roll every semester. Reno is a member of the National honor society. He will be attending the University of Iowa and major in Computer science.

Chairman, Pat Grieco along with his committee, Dee Kepouros, and Jim Talerico and Jim Kepouros thanked each and everyone of the students hoping for the promise that they will fulfill their life long dreams. The National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame have fund raisers annually to raise money for the scholarship participants in order that they may be able to attend the school of their choice.

At the annual Festa Primavera XIII the students were recognized and honored. The above picture will show them as a group along with Pat Grieco and to the right Jim Talerico, president.

Each year depending on the gross proceeds, there will be 10 to 20 senior high school winners receiving at least \$2500. The amount will help the families toward the cost of tuition for the school of their child's choice.

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Julie Lyn Gustis, currently attending Mother McCauley high school, is active in both sports and school clubs. Julie enjoys singing both at school and her parish church of St. Bede the Venerable in Chicago. Julie will be attending Bradley University and major in music.



Julie Lyn Gustis, pictured with Sergeant at Arms Joe Ricardo.

Sharks at Shedd Aquarium reveal underwater mystery

The sharks are coming! One year from now, visitors will sink their teeth into a new underwater exhibit featuring sharks, sharks, and more sharks as the Shedd Aquarium prepares to unveil one of the largest and most diverse shark exhibits in North America.

Several dozen of these mythic predators will descend into *Mysteries of Apo Island*, Shedd's new engaging and interactive shark attraction, slated to open April 2003.

Guests will experience the otherworldly mystery of diving the waters of a coral reef

in one of the world's largest displays-including face-to-face encounters with the most menacing undersea creatures: sharks. Faint-hearted guests are warned they may find themselves only inches away from more than 30 sharks in a curved-overhead 400,000-gallon

tank

A re-creation of an Indo-Pacific island and the largest addition at Shedd since the Oceanarium, *Mysteries of Apo Island* will uncover the animals, biodiversity and cultural connection behind this unparalleled marine ecosystem.

As home for some of the most mysterious and misunderstood animals of the sea, *Mysteries of Apo Island* will provide a "diver's eye" view of a Philippine coral reef and

the menacing creatures that lurk in its fertile waters. Guests begin their journey at the surging shores of Apo Island, and then "dive" 30 feet below the surface to one of the world's largest coral reefs, completing their trip by surfacing to the mangroves and beaches of this Philippine coast.

Designed for guests of all ages, the multi-sensory exhibit surrounds "divers" for a day with an immersive underwater encounter: the

smell of saltwater, the sound of waves, the feeling of sand, and the sight of sharks swimming overhead and rays gliding underfoot.

"Sharks capture our dreams-and sometimes our nightmares. They are the product of millions of years of evolution, perfecting their predatory skills and creating the ocean's most efficient killer," said George Parsons, assistant curator of fishes at Shedd. "Sharks are the mystery of Apo Island."

The 27,000-square foot, \$45 million exhibit will introduce, for the first time at Shedd, large sharks in a dedicated, state-of-the-art habitat. The exhibit requires 750,000 gallons of water, more than doubling the original aquarium's capacity to 1.2 million gallons.

"*Mysteries of Apo Island* is one of the most exciting things to ever come to Shedd and to Chicago," said Ted Beattie, President and CEO of Shedd Aquarium.

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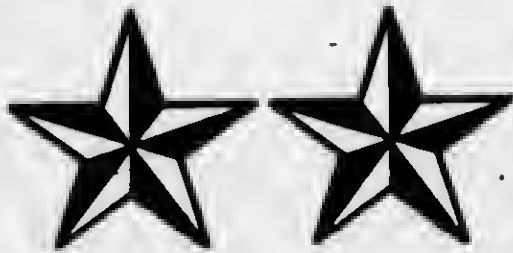
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Milwaukee Summerfest: "The Big Gig"

For anyone on a quest to find the ultimate live music experience, the search should end in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the world's largest music festival, *Summerfest*. Located along the shores of Lake Michigan in downtown Milwaukee, the festival that began as a community event in 1968 has grown to welcome approximately one million visitors from around the world during its 11-day run each summer. Offering a diverse range of music and entertainment, attractions for children and adults, fabulous cuisine from over 45 different food vendors and an incredible location, festival attendees know that *Summerfest* in Milwaukee is the place to be from late June through early July each year.

Summerfest "The Big Gig" which will take place Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, July 7, can be considered a music mecca due to the impressive lineups that fill its many stages. In addition to continuous music and entertainment in the 12 stage areas located on the 75-acre site and the 24,000-seat Marcus Amphitheater, there

are strolling performers roaming the festival park to entertain patrons throughout the day. Eclectic best describes the music, because on any given day there is something for everyone. Be it al-

ternative, R&B, country, pop, rock, reggae, Latin, swing, blues, zydeco or some mixture of styles, one of the stages is bound to provide something to fit everyone's taste.

Summerfest not only provides an energetic atmosphere with musical diversity at every turn, but it also provides a wide assortment of delicious menu items, with something for every palate to enjoy! Add great shopping, attractions for kids and adults, amusement rides, sports and water demos to the mix, and you have the ultimate way to spend a summer day.

Children's

Fest Day that will be held Monday, July 1 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm with programming just for kids throughout the grounds.

The festival site is at the Henry Maier Festival Park at 200 N. Harbor Drive, in downtown Milwaukee.

Hours are 11:30am-Midnight daily. General admission is \$9 single day/\$24 3-day pass now through June 26; \$11 at the gate, \$1 for seniors 60 and over and children 12 and under at the gate. Please call 800/764-Fest for more information.



Orland Park has services

The Orland Park Veterans commission will host a Memorial Day service at 1PM, Monday, May 27th at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall Veterans Memorial, Ara Pace. The entire community is invited to this event.

Father Leo Lyons, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, will announce the addition of 26 veteran names added to the memorial. A Color Guard will be presented by VFW Post 2604 and American Legion Post 111. Orland Park Police Officer and Chicago Emerald Society member Tim

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St. Xavier University hosts discussion on graduate opportunities

Saint Xavier University's School of Education will host information sessions about options in graduate programs in Education. Learn more about the teaching field during one of the upcoming sessions at the University's Main Campus and South Campus.

The School of Education offers master of arts degrees, certifications, and approval in many programs including early childhood, educational administration (cohort), curriculum and instruction (cohort), elementary education (cohort), secondary education, special education, reading (cohort), ESL and bilingual education, and field-based masters degree. Students may choose from convenient locations, schedules, and payment options. They have the benefit of small classes and personal attention.

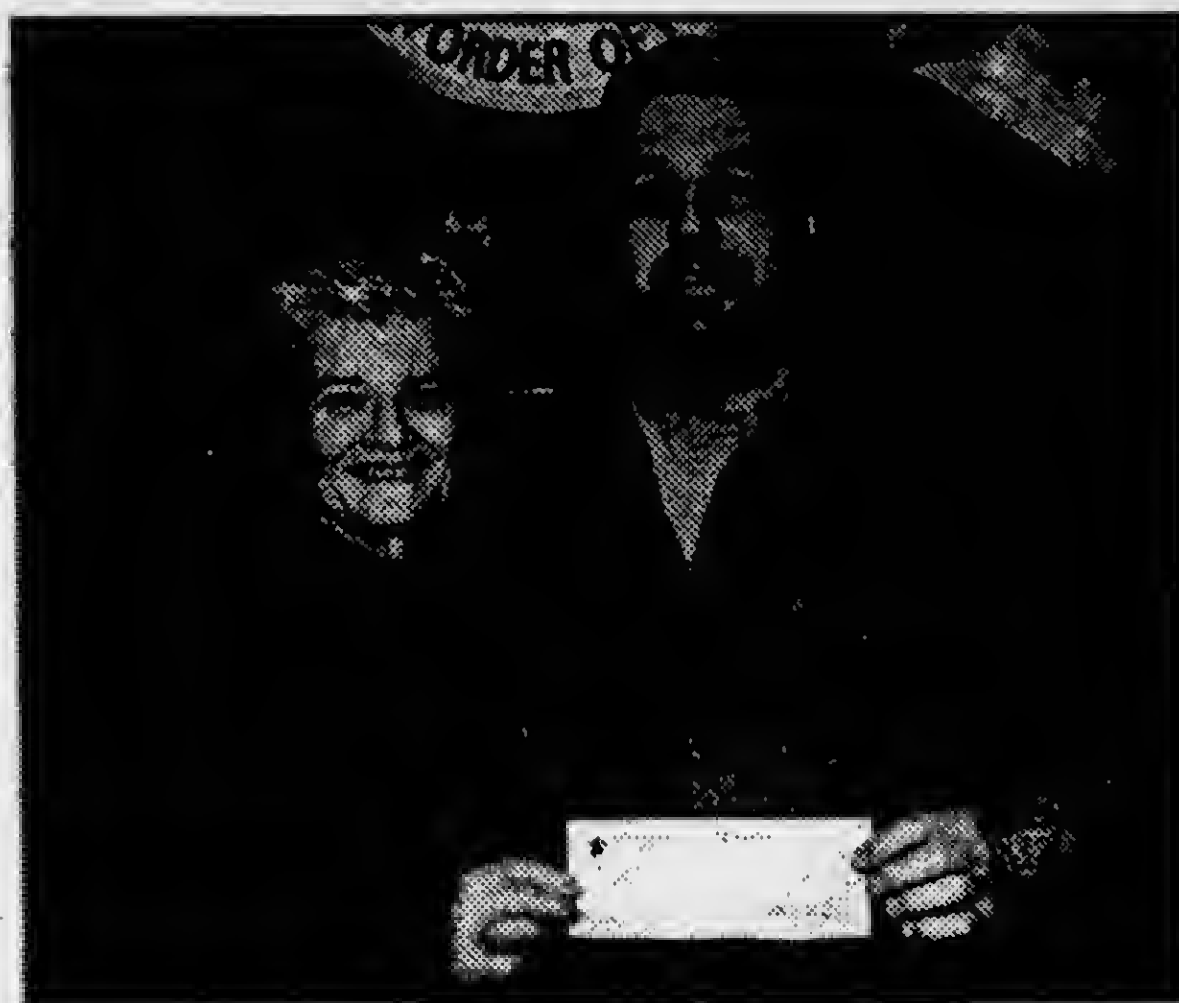
Information session on the Main Campus, 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago, are at 4:30 PM in the Admission Conference Room. They will be held on the following

dates: May 22, June 5, June 19, July 9, July 30, August 8, and August 14. Please call 773-298-3053, for more information or to reserve your spot at the Main Campus.

Information sessions on the south Campus, 18020 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, are at 5PM on the following dates: May 22, June 8, June 19, July 10, July 20, July 31, August 7, and August 17. For more information or to reserve your spot at the South campus, please call 773-802-6202.

Learn more about Saint Xavier at our website at www.sxu.edu or email graduateadmission@sxu.edu.

Saint Xavier University is located in a residential neighborhood of Southwest Chicago. It serves more than 4,900 students in 36 undergraduate and 32 graduate program options. Crain's Chicago Business (July 2, 2001), recognized Saint Xavier as one of the fastest-growing, private universities in the Chicago area (1999-2000).



F.O.P. Scholarship winner

Pat Suchocki and Dennis Canterbury are shown holding the award. Inserted in upper right hand corner is picture of Canterbury's daughter, and scholarship winner, Chris Augustyn. Each year the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7 issues the Richard Liss Memorial Scholarship Award of \$1,000.00, to several deserving pupils. One was awarded to Chris Augustyn, who is planning on attending the Illinois Institute of Technology. Liss was a past president of the Illinois State Lodge #28.

Marist High School has boys /girls summer camps

Marist High School at 4200 West 115th Street, Chicago, will host boys' and girls' summer camps this year. Marist will host the following girls' summer camps: Girls' Basketball Camps for 3rd through 9th graders, Girls' Softball Camps for 7th

through 9th graders, Girls' Volleyball Camps for 5th through 9th graders, and Girls' Soccer Camps for 6th through 9th graders. Marist High School will also be hosting several boys' summer camps including: Boys' Baseball Camps for 5th

through 10th graders, Boys' Basketball Camps for 4th through 9th graders, Boys' Wrestling camps 7th through 12th graders, Boys' Volleyball Camps for 6th through 9th graders, Boys' Soccer Camps for 7th through 9th graders, and Boys' Football

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Marist Summer Camp registration forms are available in the main office at 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago. For questions, please contact 773-881-5300.



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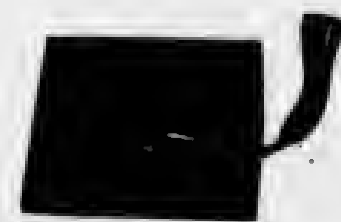
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Senior Health Insurance Program

A representative from SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) will help guide you through your health insurance problems at the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, on Wednesday, May 29, 15 1:00 PM.

SHIP counselors are trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance, Medicare HMOs, long-term care insurance, retiree health plans, and claims processing. Call 708/422-8522.

Senior Day at Palos Health & Fitness

Seniors from all over the area are invited to a morning for FREE health screenings, fitness activities and education as Palos Health & Fitness Center honors the 50 plus generation. The Fitness Center's Seniors Health & Fitness Day will be held from 9:00 AM to noon, Wednesday, May 29. Free testing on balance, blood pressure, blood type, lung capacity, glucose levels and much more. Fitness classes include Tai Chi, Senior Yoga and

stretching.

And there's more - Chair massages, paraffin dips, nutrition education (including a special lecture on cooking for one or two), diabetes education, refreshments and raffles. You do not need to be a member to participate.

For more information, call 708/226-0555. Palos Health & Fitness Center is located at 153rd St. and

West Avenue in Orland Park.

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Village of Orland Park disposing of old flags

Wondering how to dispose of those old, worn and tattered flags that have been flying all winter? Since the American flag should always be disposed of properly, the Village of Orland Park and the Orland Park Veterans Commission are providing an easy and convenient way to dispose of old flags.

A special container is now located in the lobby of the

Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 14700 S. Ravinia Drive, where flags can be dropped off. Reber-Tesmond VFW Post# 2604 and the American Legion Post 111 will collect the flags on a regular basis to have them disposed of honorably.

The Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM and on Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM.

American Legion

American Legion Volunteers from Evergreen Park Post 854 along with the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute the familiar red, hand assembled Poppy honoring America's war dead on May 23rd, 24th and 25th.

This annual event pays tribute to those veterans who have died. It also honors the millions of Americans who have willingly served their country. It honors the veterans with proceeds from the distribution which benefits programs for the veterans and his/her family. The memorial poppy is never sold, but given in exchange for a contribution.

The Poppies are made by disabled veterans in the Illinois VA Hospitals and Illinois Veteran Homes; assembling this small red flower is helpful therapy and each veteran working on the Poppy program receives a small income.

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Orland Park. Residents are invited to nominate educators, military veterans, volunteers, coaches or scout leaders — anyone they feel worthy of such an honor. Grand marshal nominations are due to the Village's Media Relations Division in the Village

Hall also by June 1, 2002.

Further information about Orland Park's 2002 Minutes of Independence is available by calling the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

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Summer computer courses offered in District 218

District 218 will offer nine computer courses to community members during June and July. Registration is currently open with classes starting June 3.

Courses are open to anyone age 18 or older. All courses are 10 classroom hours in length. Tuition is \$25 per class for senior citizens who live in District 218; \$35 per class for other residents.

Course schedule and registration forms are available at the main offices of District

218 schools, the district administrative center and at all public Libraries in the 218 district. Classes are being held at various district 218 schools. Some of the courses include: *Introduction to Word, Digital Camera/Scanner, PhotoJam, and Introduction to the Internet.*

For more information, including a course schedule and course descriptions call (708)424-2000 or go to www.chsd218.org on the Internet.

New branch manager at Coldwell Banker

Joan Bergen recently joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage (CBRB) in Oak Lawn as branch manager. Her responsibilities will include overseeing more than 42 associates.

Bergen is a 16-year veteran of the real estate industry. She has most recently served as the director of training and development of Century 21 Pro-Team and also has experience as a branch Sales Manager and Recruiter.

Bergen studied accounting and management at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. She is the Secretary/Treasurer for the Association of Realtors in the South and West suburbs and will become president of the almost 9000 member association in 2003. She has also served on the board of directors for the Multiple Listing Service of Northern Illinois, the South Southwest Association of Realtors and the SW Suburban Homebuilders Sales and Marketing Council.

★ MILITARY NEWS ★

Army Pvt. Aaron W. Krikel has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Krikel is the son of William Krikel of Oak Lawn. His grandmother, Florence Krikel, resides in Hernando, FL. Pvt. Krikel graduated from Oak Lawn High School in June of '99.

During his training, Krikel received instruction in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, and Army values, principles, and traditions.

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Army Pfc. Carole L. Crofoot will receive advanced training in wheeled vehicle repair at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Aberdeen, MD.

Pfc. Crofoot will learn to troubleshoot, repair, replace and adjust all related engine, fuel, air and cooling systems, electric chassis, mechanical and hydraulic components, systems, and as-

semblies of wheeled vehicles and diesel power plants/packs. Additional instruction will include use of technical publications, tools and diagnostic equipment.

Pfc. Crofoot is the daughter of James E. and Linda M. Crofoot of Evergreen Park.

She is a 1989 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

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Army Pvt. Kyle A. Hasten has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK.

During training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Hasten is a 2001 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

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Marine Corps Pfc. Anthony M. Cantore is the son of Marilyn J. and Anthony F. Cantore of Evergreen Park, IL. He is a 2000 graduate of Mount Carmel High School in Chicago. Pfc. Cantore has successfully completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. The training in-

cluded physical conditioning, classroom and field assignments in which he learned first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. Recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

The training phase ended with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem. They were addressed as '94 for the first time since boot camp began.

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Air Force Airman Joseph J. Cosentino graduated from St. Laurence High School in 1995. Also, he has recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Training took six weeks. Airman Cosentino studied the Air Force mission, organization, and cus-

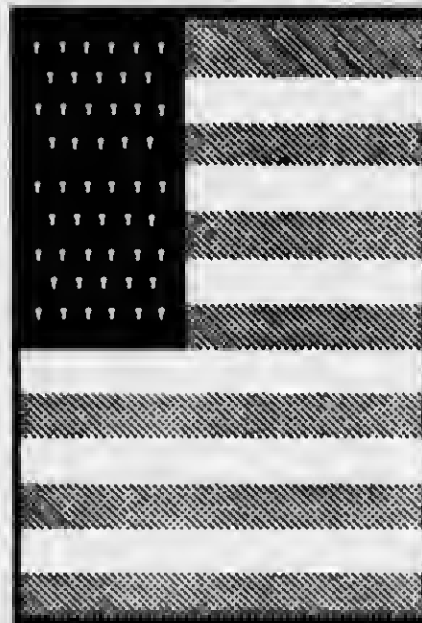
toms; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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Navy Airman Apprentice Gary M. Sramek, son of Carol and Dennis Sramek of Burbank, recently reported for duty with Sea Control Squadron 31, Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida.

Sramek is a 2001 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank.



United we stand, together we read -- at the Evergreen Park Library

Evergreen Park Public Library joins the Village of Evergreen Park in celebrating 2002: Proud of the Red, White and Blue! by encouraging the entire community to read John F. Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize winning book, Profiles in Courage. President Kennedy's book reminds us, in the shadow of the events of 9/1, how timeless are the most cherished of human virtues: courage and grace under pressure.

Copies of Profiles in Courage will be available for pick up at the library starting on May 25, or you may

choose to purchase a paperback copy for \$8.00. A limited number of junior reader and large print editions are obtainable for check out, so the entire family can participate. Profiles in Courage is a collection of biographical sketches. Read it from cover-to-cover or read selected portions. There will be village-wide book discussions held on Monday, July 1, at two locations, the Evergreen Park Library, 9400 S. Troy, at 10:00AM; and the American Legion Post #854, 9701 S. Kedzie, at 7:00PM. Light refreshments will be served.

Oak Lawn Garden club hosts meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its May meeting on Thursday, May 23 at the Oak View Center at 4625 W. 110th Street at 9:15 am.

Laura Sherman, Eleanor Litto, and Nancy Michel will serve as hostesses and there will be a plant exchange.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend as guests. Please call (708)424-4846 for further information.

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Oak Lawn high school introduces students at Chamber luncheon

by Annette Dixon

Everyone was represented at the Oak Lawn Chamber luncheon recently. The Oak Lawn Green Oaks American Legion 757, the Oak Lawn Fire Inspector Gary Patrick, the Food Service Class for Oak Lawn high school and even the principal, Catherine Fronczak.

This was a entertaining luncheon for the Chamber Singers entertained to more than 100 business people from Oak Lawn on a very wonderful day.

In celebration of 50 years of Oak Lawn High School and of Student Success, it was exemplified by the luncheon we received from the Food Service Class of juniors and seniors. The outstanding

music of the Chamber Singers, which by the way was the 1st class for chamber music and the last chamber class due to the fact that the music teacher is retiring.

What a loss for the school!



Left to right: Fire Inspector Gary Patrick, Joseph Duider, Principal Catherine Fronczak, Bill Wolf

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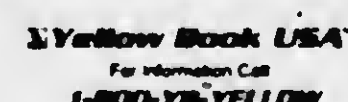
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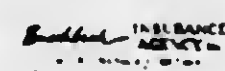
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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will hold its Second Annual 5K Run/Walk for Kids at 8 AM on Sunday morning, June 23, 2002 at Arvey Field in Chicago's Grant Park to benefit children and families served through a variety of Catholic Charities programs.

The 5K (3.1 miles) Run will start at 8 AM. The Walk will step off at 8:45 AM. Pre-registration cost for teens and adults is \$17; children ages 4-12: \$8. Children ages 3 and under are free! After June 1, the registration fee is \$25 for teens and adults; \$11 for children ages 4-12.

Walkers, runners, families, teens and organizations are welcome to enjoy the beautiful museum/lakefront Run/Walk course. The first

three overall male and female finishers of both the run and the walk sections will be awarded prizes. The first three female and male runners in each age category will receive medals. Every walker will be recognized. Volunteers are needed.

Proceeds will help to fund several Catholic Charities programs for thousands of children and youth: Early Childhood Development, Immunization Services, Nutrition Programs, and Recreation and After-School Programs.

For the further information, call the Catholic Charities 5K Run/Walk Hotline: (312) 655-8367 or check Catholic Charities website: www.catholiccharities.net/run.

Vacation Bible School at Palos Park Presbyterian

Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church will be holding Vacation Bible School, June 17-21, 2002 from 9:00am-12:15 pm. This is open to the community for ages 4 years through 5th grade (completed). The theme of this year's VBS is Son Canyon River Adventure: Survival Skills for Life from the Proverbs.

There is no charge for this week of adventure with a river theme. Vacation bible school offers Bible stories, games, crafts, music and snack that all children enjoy. For more information call the church office at 708-448-5220, or stop by the church to fill out a registration form: Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, 12312 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Park.

Troupe from the Phillipines performs at First United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, at 94th & Homan Avenue, will host a performance by the Cultural Performing Arts Group of Wesleyan University of the Philippines on Wednesday, May 22 at 7pm. The troupe performs American and Filipino folk music and cultural dances. The director of the group is Jonathon Hayag, son of the Rev. Bienvenido Hayag, pastor of the Thorton United Methodist Church.

A pot luck supper will be held at 6pm before the concert. Please bring a food item to share. Dessert and refreshments will be served after the concert.

The performance is open to the public. A free will offering will be taken to support the troupe.

The Annual Spring Luncheon sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Evergreen Park First United Methodist Church will be held on Thursday, June 13, at

12:30 pm. Gerri Smith, monologist, will present "Noah's Wife".

The luncheon is a salad buffet. Door prizes will be distributed. Child care will be available with prior request.

Invite someone to lunch. Tickets are now available for a donation of \$8. A table will be reserved for a party of six or more people. Call the church (708)422-8451 or call (708)422-1059 for ticket information.

Enabled Youth Choir to sing at Palos Park Prebyterian

The community is invited to attend a concert featuring the 40 member Enabled Youth Choir and Winds of Praise Orchestra of First Baptist Church, Ada, Oklahoma on Sunday, May 20, 2002, 6:00 PM at Palos Park Presbyterian Community

Church, 12312 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Park.

Their unique blend of vocal harmony and stirring instrumentation will feature sacred gospel, classical, spiritual and contemporary favorites for every age. The Enabled Youth Choir and Winds

of Praise Orchestra is under the direction of Harold Ware, Minister of Music and Media and Paul Rowe, Associate Minister of Music, accompanist, and church organist. The public is invited to attend. Nursery will be provided.

FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)--In response to the war on terrorism a new, no-cost American Patriotism program featuring Internet-based lessons about American history is now available worldwide. The "American Patriotism Program" was put together by William J. Bennett, the former Secretary of Education. Proceeds from the sale of an optional Patriotic Songs CD will be donated to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc. (TAPS), a non-profit organization help-

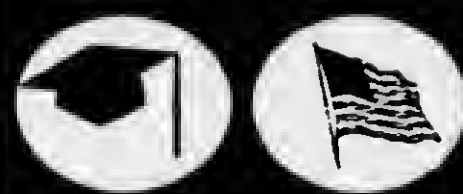
ing those who have lost loved ones who were actively serving their country in the Armed Forces. K12's patriotism lessons can be accessed at no charge by logging onto www.k12.com or calling 888-968-7512 toll free.

Stroke clinical trials are considered to be crucial because only limited treatments are currently available for stroke patients. Clinical trials research drugs, medical devices or therapies, determining their safety and effectiveness.



Anyone interested in participating in a clinical trial may contact the FDA at 301-827-4460 or www.clinicaltrials.gov. Currently, there are more than 130 clinical trials involving stroke research. For more stroke information, contact National Stroke Association at 1-800-STROKES or www.stroke.org.

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Oak Lawn Park District plans Memorial Day Celebration

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, the Oak Lawn Park District will feature its annual *Red, White & Blue and Flower Sale, Too* free celebration at Memorial Park, 102nd Street and Major Avenue. This year's celebration will kick off with a kids' fishing derby at 8am, center around an annual flower sale and perennial-plant exchange from 11am-3pm, and end with a solemn salute to veterans and a moment of silence at 3pm.

"We invite area residents to kick off summer with us at this free festival, and stay to honor our military veterans after a difficult year," says Tom Hartwig, event organizer.

The free *Kid's International Hooked-on-Fishing Derby* will be held at Memorial Pond in the center of the park. Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation, the catch-and-release derby will award prizes for the biggest fish caught.

This is the third consecutive year the park district has offered a sale of annual flow-

ers. Flowers will be available for \$10 per flat, and hanging baskets of flowers will sell for \$14. Area gardeners are also encouraged to take part in the *Great Perennial Divide*, by bringing perennial plants from their yard to exchange for plants from others' gardens.

"You get to take home as many plants as you bring for a chance to diversify your landscaping at no cost to you," says Hartwig.

At 3pm, the Burbank Detachment Marine Corps League #072 will march in with the color guard for a moment of silence followed by a rifle salute for deceased veterans.

The schedule for the event is as follows:

Fishing Derby 8am-3pm
Flower Sale 11am-3pm
Perennial Divide 11am-2pm
Ladybug Giveaway 11am-3pm (free ladybugs for gardens while supplies last)
Children's Bingo 11am-2pm
Open Swim 11am-3pm

weather permitting, \$1 per person

Magician Ray Scheff, Noon
Face painting 12noon-3pm
Sand Volleyball; Tournament noon-3pm
Rhythm Rockets
Moment of Silence and Salute to Veterans 3pm

This year's festival is sponsored in part by the park district's corporate sponsors: American Cruises and Tours, Buschbach Insurance Agency, Fifth Third Bank, Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220, Mason Insurance Group, Nold's Desk Top Supply, Sonus Hearing Care Professionals and Yellow Book USA.

For more information about Memorial Day or to request your free summer-events calendar, contact the Oak Lawn Park District (708)857-2200 or info@olparks.com.

A&E's "Biography" celebrates 15 years with show at Navy Pier

Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, will help launch A&E Network's "BIOGRAPHY 15 Years Celebration Tour" exhibit on Thursday, May 23 at Crystal Gardens on Navy Pier at 11am. The traveling multimedia exhibit is open to the public from May 24-May 26 from 11am-8pm and admission is free. Mayor Daley, affiliate representatives from AT&T Broadband and executives from A&E Network will also honor 10 individuals from the greater Chicago area whose achievements and contributions to the community are recognized in *The Biography Community Heroes Exhibit*.

The BIOGRAPHY exhibit is visiting 10 cities nationwide from now through mid July. Featuring live entertainment, technology and activities that celebrates and

commemorates the distinguished history of the landmark BIOGRAPHY television series. Special attractions include incredibly lifelike wax figures on loan from Madame Tussaud's, the "Who Am I? Game Show", the Biography studio and a Biography Magazine cover Shoot that will bring BIOGRAPHY to life.

There will be plenty of free giveaways for visitors including the opportunity to tape a mini BIOGRAPHY episode and walk away with the videotape. Zenith is a partner and will be providing their new high-tech 42" plasma monitors, 27" monitors, DVD players, and a 60" HDTV monitor and speakers.

"This year we reach a milestone by celebrating the 15th anniversary of BIOGRAPHY and all the BIOGRA-

PHY brand extensions. This traveling tour will fascinate, excite, inspire and entertain consumers. This hands-on experience will meet the expectations of both our core and new consumers and will show how the Brand has expanded to new products," said Michael Mohamad, Senior Vice President, Marketing, A&E Network.

In 2002, BIOGRAPHY, A&E's signature series, will celebrate its 15th anniversary. Since its inception, the series has profiled more than 900 individuals and features more than 100 premiers each year.

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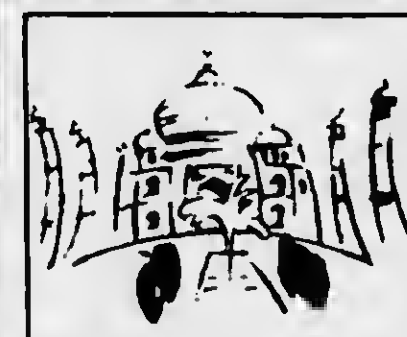
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Orland brings back 4th of July parade

Village of Orland Park's July 4th Parade Returns Nominations for grand Marshal Accepted until June 1st.

An Orland Park tradition will return when the Village of Orland Park holds the community's first July 4th Parade in more than 30 years. The 2002 procession is themed "Orland Park Community Pride." The parade is one of a multitude of activities planned by the Village's Recreation and Parks Department for Orland Park's 2002 Minutes of Independence), beginning July 3rd at 11:30 AM and ending July 4th at 9:50 PM. Orland Park's last July 4th parade was held in the mid to late 60's.

The parade will be held on Thursday, July 4, 2002 at 2:00 PM with participants lining up at the John Humphrey sports Complex at 14700 West Avenue and traveling south to Centennial Park, 15600 West Avenue.

Coordinated by the Village's Media Relations Division, in cooperation with the Recreation and Parks Department, Orland Park's July 4th Parade is open to all non-commercial entries. Parade organizers are looking for bands, bikes, bunco clubs, coaches cheerleaders, civic groups, classic cars, condo and homeowner associations, families, musicians, churches, neighborhood

groups, parent-teacher organizations, schools, scout troops, senior clubs, sport groups, veterans' organizations, volunteers, wagons—everyone! Only commercial entries that are sponsors of the Village's 33 plus hour celebration may participate.

Parade applications are available by calling Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 708/403-6104. There is no charge to participate and all completed parade applications must be returned no later than June 1, 2002. Detailed instructions will be mailed to all participants.

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Orland Park residents protest new business

by Jude Coyle

Junior Girl Scout Troop 272 opened the May 6, Orland Park Village Board Meeting by leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By proclamation Mayor Daniel McLaughlin declared that the Village will honor the week of May 12 thru 18 as National Police Week, and May 15 as Police Memorial Day. According to the proclamation, 200 police officers are killed in the line of duty each year.

Mayor McLaughlin next presented "Pride of the Community" awards. Sandburg High School student, Terri Burke, Mayor McLaughlin explained, is employed as a lifeguard at Centennial Park Aquatic Center. Her employment requires 60 hours of training in all aspects of life saving. She got to use her training at the public library when she administered the Heimlich maneuver to a choking man.

Officer Mike Muller was called to a home on 144th and Bekins on April 27th. An 18-month-old baby stopped breathing after a ladder fell on her head. Officer Muller attended to her while awaiting the ambulance. During that time, he resuscitated her twice after he heart stopped. The ambulance transported her to Palos Hospital, and later to Hlope Children's Hospital. The prognosis is good.

Community Service Officer Jim Albright was

patrolling Orland Mall parking lot on April 28. At 7:07 PM, he was in aisle 80 when he noticed a child waving her arms. The child's mother was bent over, struggling to catch her breath. Officer Albright administered three upward thrusts, causing a pink jelly to pop out of the woman's throat.

Officer John Bush responded to a residential burglary call in the early morning hours of April 28th. The burglar fled and Officer Bush pursued on foot in the direction of 159th and Harlem.

At 3:40 AM, Christ Hospital ER nurse, Julie O'Rourke was on her way home from work. She saw Officer Bush fall, and immediately pulled over. Officer Bush landed on his arm, causing nerve damage and cutting an artery. Julie O'Rourke slowed the bleeding and treated him for shock; ultimately saving his life. Ms. O'Rourke was recognized for her actions. The officer is currently on medical leave.

Several petitions concerning new equipment; lot splits and subdivision of property; and contracts came before the Board that night. One, concerning building a facility for Northern Central Crane and Excavating Sales Corp., which is a division of Manitowoc Co., Inc., brought out the homeowners from neighboring The Preserves on Marley Creek. The facility would

be located on Lot 9 at the Orland Park Business

Center.

North Central plans to build a 32,280 square foot structure on a 4.89-acre lot. Steve Lenet, President of Linden/Lenet Land Design, and John Griffin of Manitowoc Company explained that 20% of the building would be used as a sales office, a small area for assembly, and the remainder would be used for warehouse space. By code, an area no larger than 25% of the building size can be used for outside storage. The Company will utilize outside storage, but agrees to stay within Village code.

Residents expressed concern about the esthetics. Some commented that they felt it was wrong of the Village to allow an eyesore to be built in their backyard after the residents had paid so dearly for their homes. Orland Business Center was zoned for light commercial/industrial, and this company, the residents felt, did not fit that description.

Some residents expressed concern that North Central Crane planned to test the booms and arms of cranes in their lot. Patricia Albert declared, "My dishes are literally dancing in the cabinets." She was concerned that testing would cause strong vibrations. "I already have a crack in my plaster... I'm going to have to do this (repair plaster) every year?"

Annette Schmidt asked what the residents of The Preserves will see in 2010

when the industrial area is completed, and how far will the parameters of 'mixed use' be pushed in order to complete the area.

Lenet, and Griffin spoke again. An 8-foot fence will surround the property. It backs 1-80. Because the property sets up 3 feet above the level of the expressway, the fence will rise up a total of eleven feet, thus obscuring the view of the yard. The company also promised to camouflage the fence with trees and shrubbery.

The Company promised it would only test four cranes annually, and that each would take less than a day. The arms and the booms are transported in by flat bed truck, which is difficult and expensive. When asking for a special use permit to do this, the Village instructed them to ask for permission to test ten times a year, rather than 4, and up to 48 hours to conduct each test. And, Mr. Griffin, explained, cranes would be dismantled at 5 PM each day. Noise and vibrations caused by testing should be absorbed by the noise emanating for 1-80.

A move was made and seconded to approve final plans for the construction of a facility on lot 9 at Orland Park Business Center to be occupied by North Central Crane & Excavator Sales Corp.

The vote carried with Alderman Della Croci voting against it.

Alderman Doge abstained, and Mayor McLaughlin voted for it.

Later Alderman Fenton remarked that she found it

hard to vote against something falling within Village code, as this had.

In an effort to balance the State's budget, which is \$1.2 billion in the red, the State plans to withhold a larger portion of individual and corporate income tax paid to the State. Presently, each municipality receives 1/10 of those funds. The State hopes to reduce that to 1/11. This should raise \$84,000,000. In the same breath it takes, \$6.75 per person away from each municipality.

Another chunk of change is approximately \$2.20 per person the State shares with each municipality in photocopying fees. They plan to withhold that. This could mean that the Village of Orland Park could lose \$750,000 annually. With that in mind, the Village Board joined the municipalities throughout the Southwest Suburbs to pass a resolution urging the Governor and Illinois General Assembly to reconsider.

OF and TP agree on future annexation

by Jude Coyle

On May 14, Mayor Patrick Gordon recommended that Carol Scozio be appointed to fill the post vacated on the passing for Fourth Ward Alderman Fred W. Rave. Mrs. Scozio and husband, Joe, are 30-year residents of Oak Forest. The couple has three children, 4 grandchildren, and has been very active in the community.

Mayor Gordon's recommendation was approved wholeheartedly. Mrs. Scozio was sworn in immediately.

Concern rose over requests for variances in the City Code. Randy Greenburg of 152nd and Oxford lost his garage to a fire. Because the old garage stood 1.5 feet from the side lot line instead of the required three feet, he asked for a variance. He wanted to use the old foundation.

Thomas Favero of 148th and El Vista, asked for a variance that would allow him to erect a pool 3 feet from his side lot line and five feet from his house. By code, pools are required to be in the back yard and no less than 6 feet from the house. Mr. Favero doesn't have much of a back yard.

Alderman Jones said he was leery of children jumping off the roof. Mr. Favero promised to build either a railing or hang netting to prevent that.

Alderman Wecket questioned if this would cause drainage and easements problems. He commented that many times neighbors didn't find either problem existed until the property was sold and someone else lived there. The residents themselves, he said, cause most drainage problems.

A motion to approve the variance was made. It carried with Alderman Simos and Schwarz voting against it.

City Manager Kent Royster, City attorneys and attorneys and other representatives for the Village of Tinley Park have worked out an agreement on annexation. There is a 1-1/2 mile buffer zone of unincorporated land between the two municipalities. The agreement outlines a method to annex that land, split jurisdictions and to provide much needed services in that area. A motion was made to allow Mayor Gordon to sign for the City of Oak Forest. The vote was called and passed, with Alderman Olszewski voting no.

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Chicago Ridge holds student government night

by Jude Coyle

On Tuesday, May 7, the members of the Chicago Ridge Village Board turned over their seats to students from Finley Jr. High and Our Lady of the Ridge Schools. It was Local Government Education Night. Those who participated were, Jessica D'Aguanno, Patrick Denton, Brian Mrozek, Jennifer Saathoff, Michael Dudas, Bill Dearth, Kevin Durkin, Stephanie Wodek, Caitlin Crivellone, Christine Decicco, Scott Schleyer, Johnathan Kunz, Annmar Masour, Kelly Groark, Jim King, and James Smiley. Their teachers are Mrs. Jane Nolan from Finley, and Mrs. Panovich from OLOR.

Students voted on matters (always with the guidance of actual Board Members) concerning bill payments, benefits such as the VFW Poppy Days (5/16-18), and the approval of business licenses.

Scott Schleyer read Engineer Christopher Burke's report. The Village is planning to make repairs on Ridge Drive from Forest Lane to 107th, and Austin from 111th to 107th. Because bids came in higher than original estimates, work on 99th Place and Mayfield was eliminated from this year's schedule. Work on Ridge Drive was estimated to cost \$90,000, but will actually come to \$102,000. Work on Austin was estimated to \$88,000, but will come to \$105,000. In both incidences, repairs needed

were more extensive than expected.

Annmar Masour read Fire Chief Randall Grossi's report. This year the Fire Department is promoting a senior alert box. Also, the Department is taking applications for paid-on-call firefighters.

Johnathan Kunz acted in Police Chief Timothy Baldermann's place. The Police Department is sponsoring several new programs. The Coop program is a walk/talk program, began in April. Officers help to promote better relations with the business community by their continued presence. Lunch with A Cop brings officers into school lunchrooms. Every child between kindergarten and 8th grade attending school in Chicago Ridge will have lunch with a CR police officer. The Bike Patrol begins this month. Six officers will ride bikes throughout the Village. A grant was used to purchase three bikes and other necessary equipment.

Also of note, Mayor Gene Siegel and the Village Board congratulated Village Clerk Charles Tokar. Clerk Tokar has earned the designation of Master Municipal Clerk. He is one of 14 in the State and 210 worldwide to earn this designation. This is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and is the highest level of education a Clerk can earn. The International Institute has 10,300 members world-

wide.

Mr. Tokar thanked the Board and the Mayor for allowing him to take advantage of the many educational opportunities in the way of classes, seminars, workshops, etc. needed. It took him 13 years.

In an effort to balance the State's budget, which is \$1.2 billion in the red, the State plans to withhold a larger portion of individual and corporate income tax paid to the State. Presently, each municipality receives 1/10 of those funds. The State hopes to reduce that to 1/11. This should raise \$84,000,000. In the same breath it takes, \$6.75 per person away from each municipality.

Another chunk of change is approximately \$2.20 per person the State shares with each municipality in photocopying fees. They plan to withhold that. This could mean that the Village of Chicago Ridge could lose \$1000,000 annually. With that in mind, the Village Board joined the municipalities throughout the Southwest Suburbs to pass a resolution urging the Governor and Illinois General Assembly to reconsider.

Palos Heights Meeting May 7, 2002

by Carlene O'Connor

At the meeting of the city council of Palos Heights on May 7, there was an opening of sealed bids for improvements on the Southwest Highway and 117th Street intersection. When the clerk said there were no sealed bids, Mr. Trigo said the city engineer would re-advertise the project and report back to the council.

Mayor Bob Straz made a resolution reducing the state's income tax to whereas the City of Palos Heights population of 11,260, 1/10 of Illinois state income tax of all revenue of total property tax, whereas Illinois municipalities depend on this revenue, whereas the City of Palos Heights goes in strong opposition to reducing states tax sharing revenue to municipalities.

The mayor also went on to say that he has looked into what other towns pay for garbage disposal. He says you could probably save about four hours per household and Palos Heights could save about \$50,000 per year. Bob Straz is asking that citizens with knowledge of the refuse business contact Jennifer at City Hall and form an Ad Hoc Committee to organize garbage pick up.

There will be a public hearing on June 3, 2002 for Joseph Fondland Jr. 12522 S. 73Ave for a

3 1/2 foot side yard variation before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The city administrator Mr. Trego in his report made a motion modifying the city health and life benefit plans. These will be voted on May 21. A motion was approved granting a temporary sign permit for the ground breaking of the new fire station.

The new road construction program is moving along quickly and they are moving from the northwest area in the south and the south to the northeast area. He said they will be completely finished with landscaping by mid-June. The disruption for any resident to get into their driveway will be a matter of 60 minutes or less.

Alderman Fulkerson in his report made a motion to approve vouchers for \$691,358.00

Lake Katherine Nature Preserve. Three motions were approved: Hendrickson Tree Service at a cost of \$7250.00 for pruning to be paid with TIF funds, Homer Tree Service at a cost of \$11,100.00 to remove buckthorn at Lake Katherine to be paid with TIF funds, Approve and purchase, install a Knox box for \$574.00, money coming from TIF funds.

After some discussion of the council, Great Clips, at 6505 W. 127th Street was approved for business.

Mark your calendar for June 8 at Navejo Park. Alderman Clifford will be honoring Alderman Frank Passerelli for his 30 years of service to the community. There will be refreshments and a dedication renaming the park to honor Frank. For more information, contact City Hall. All are invited. Alderman Phillips had

US Filter replace water meters. Now with a radio receiver, a driver can drive by and get a more accurate reading. The reason for the radio read is because if something malfunctions, they can go and touch the meter. They do not anticipate this happening much. This new procedure is more efficient and accurate. The new company was \$700 lower than all other companies interviewed and a good move for the city, commented Phillips.

Palos Heights residents can still adopt a tree and participate in the program to beautify Harlem Avenue. There will be a judging night and awards will be given. Refreshments will be given to all participants by area restaurants. A date has not been set. For more information, call City Hall.

The next meeting of the city council is May 21.

Palos Hills

by Carlene O'Connor

At the opening of the Palos Hills meeting of May 16, Mayor Bennett gave awards to the Stagg High School Powerlifters who won the state competition.

Alderman Cisarik in his report under Building and Licenses said the driveway committee has three decisions on driveways: 8946 W. 100th Place widen driveway (approved), 10526 S. 82nd Ct widen driveway by 8 feet (approved), 7649 W. 105th Street widen driveway by 8 feet under PUD.

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Library presents books to E.P. Village Board

By: Jude Coyle

On May 20th, The Hamilton B. Meyer Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., became the temporary home to the Evergreen Park Village Board. This became necessary as the Anthony J. Vacco Village Hall is in the final stages of reconstruction.

Library Director Nicki Seidl presented each Board Member, including Mayor James Sexton and Clerk Cathy Aparo, with new copies of John F. Kennedy's *Profiles in Courage*. The books were wrapped in red, white and blue ribbons. The presentations kick off the Village wide read, called 'United We Stand, Together We Read'.

"This is not a new idea," Ms. Seidl explained. Chicago hosted a read last fall with Harper Lee's *To Kill*

a Mockingbird.

Copies of *Profiles in Courage*, including large print editions and books on tape, are available at the Evergreen Park Public Library at 9400 S. Troy. Copies can be purchased there for \$8.00.

As part of the five day Independence Day Celebration, book discussions will take place on July 1; first at the Library at 10AM; and at 7PM at the American Legion at 9701 S. Kedzie.

Also discussed at the May 20th meeting, the Traffic Safety Commission advised the Village to petition IDOT that a 'right turn' only lane is needed west bound at the 95th and Kedzie intersection. Public Works Director Bill Lorenz said that petitions had been made in the past,

but without results. IDOT feels 95th St. is a national highway and heavily traveled during rush hours. A 'right turn only' lane will hamper traffic flow.

Mayor Sexton instructed Engineer Robert Boehme to write IDOT and explain that is a safety issue, and that there is a school in the immediate vicinity.

Engineer Boehm opened bids on May 9th for the sidewalk replacement program. He recommended MSC Concrete, who came in 4% below estimates. They are asking \$125,000. The Village will pick up half the cost of laying sidewalk. The cost to the homeowner will be about \$47 per 5x5 square.

Fire Chief Ed Clohessy estimated that sidewalk replacement in the business district should run

about \$85,000. That includes 1,000 linear feet of colored and stamped sidewalk. He said that although this is a bit more expensive, it holds up better because water is channeled away. The price is about \$145 for a 5x5 square, and is not available for use in the residential area.

Engineer Boehme reported that eleven small trees were planted along 91st St.

and order them to stop. Brennan assured the Council he would do more if necessary.

Mayor Jack Faddis said that Mr. Brennan should not be held responsible for his neighbors' behavior. Obviously the refrigerator wasn't his.

A move was made to approve Mr. Brennan's application. Alderman Potacki felt that any ordinance passed allowing the construction should include a 'sunset' provision. In other words building must begin within one year. The move passed City Council with Aldermen Lustig and Potacki voting against.

The Council passed a resolution that would allow them to sell unnecessary municipal vehicles at the Joint Municipal Sale on Saturday June 8th at the Orland Park Public Works facility. The Southwest Conference of Mayors sponsors the sale.

Director of Public Works Larry Boettcher explained that Alsterda Construction, backed up by the Public Works Department, are making emergency repairs to a sewer line on Roberts Road. Replacement parts

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Members of the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation present a \$21,000 check to Tim Scott, greens superintendent of Stony Creek Golf Course.

were found in Bedford Park, thus eliminating the need to wait until delivery could be made on new parts. When new parts are in, they will replace pipes taken from Bedford Park. Work should be completed this week.

Alderman Lustig reported that she had contacted AT&T in December and instructed them to remove a temporary communication tower from the lot where the new police station is to be built. AT&T's contract states they need 90 days notice.

But now, six months later, the tower is still there. Architects working on the new police station want it out now. Alderman Potacki moved that AT&T should be fined for each day the tower remains in place after 5/31. The Council agreed. Attorney Vince Cainkar was instructed to contact AT&T.

Alderman Zimmerman reported that the Health and Environmental Control Committee were working on an ordinance to be presented at the next Council meeting. Food establishments will be required to pay for two inspections annually, plus administration costs in

order to maintain their operating licenses. If re-inspections are required, those will be paid for as well. Those costs are \$60 per inspection, and \$25 for administrative costs; or a total of \$145. Cook County conducts the inspections.

Because the Clerk's office has already sent out the bills, amended bills will be mailed once the ordinance is passed.

A resolution was passed urging Governor Ryan and the General Assembly to reconsider a re-appropriation of State income taxes and photo processing fees. In order to eliminate a \$1.2 billion shortfall in the State's budget, the General Assembly plans to reduce the municipality's share of income tax from 1/10 to 1/11, and not share the photo processing fees it collects at all. State income tax comes to \$6.75 per person while photo processing fees come to \$2.10 per person, or about \$123,000.

Hickory Hills approves townhouse construction

by Jude Coyle

On May 9, the Hickory Hills City Council voted ordinance 02-10 into law. This ordinance had to do with eliminating two of 3 easements on the property adjacent to the new police station at 8600 S. 86th Ave. The easements were set aside for future installation of utility lines. The City plans to sell this lot.

Mr. John Brennan asked the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals to approve rezoning his property at 8650 S. 85th Court. Presently the property is zoned R-5 multi-family for condominiums. Where the land

is large enough to build 8 condos, Mr. Brennan plans to build five townhouses. The Plan Commission agreed to his plans by a vote of 3 to 2.

On May 9th, Mr. Brennan brought his request before City Council for final approval. Where Aldermen Zimmerman and Riley agreed building townhouses was a plus, Alderman Potacki questioned Mr. Brennan about unfinished townhouses Brennan built in the First Ward. The parking lot is sinking at one location and a fence wasn't erected next to the toll way at an-

other.

Mr. Brennan explained that he is a minority shareholder in the corporations that built those buildings. Even so, he is talking to neighboring developers about building that fence.

Mr. Brennan also owns a vacant lot on 87th. Residents of neighboring apartment buildings are using his property and a nearby retention pond as a dumping ground. All manner of trash, including an old refrigerator, has been left there. Mr. Brennan has instructed his attorney to write the apartment building residents

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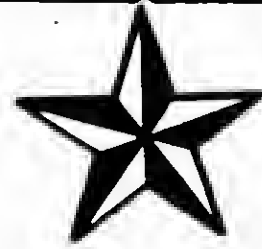
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Stony Creek gets donation from parks foundation

At its monthly meeting, the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation presented the Oak Lawn Park District with donations for two of its facilities. The Stony Creek Golf Course received a \$21,000 check for the purchase of a 30x 40 ft. party tent and patio canopies for its new clubhouse, which opened in November of

2001. The tent has been purchased through Mahaffey Tent of Memphis, Tenn., and through Eclipse awning of Evergreen Park. The tent will be available for large parties and golf outings at the 18-hole course, located at 5850 W. 103rd st.

The Oak Lawn Racquet & Fitness club received a

\$4,000 check from the Parks Foundation for the purchase of a new elliptical cross training machine. The machine will join two similar machines and other exercise equipment in the fitness center, located at 10444 S. Central Ave. "The Parks Foundation's donation was above and beyond what we

had hoped for," says Maddie Kelly, director of the Oak Lawn Park district. "The Racquet & Fitness Club is thrilled to be able to purchase an additional, much needed elliptical machine, and Stony Creek Golf Course will be able to expand its services this summer with the purchase of the tent. The park

district is grateful to the Parks Foundation for its continued support."

The Oak Lawn Parks Foundation is a not for profit organization, working to provide the continued enhancement of leisure programs, recreational services, park lands and historic properties.

Budget woes top Illinois agenda

Ongoing budget negotiations took an odd turn this week as the governor announced that he would call the Senate and House of representatives into a rare joint session on Memorial Day to present a new budget plan for fiscal Year 2003, according to state Senator Christine Radogono (R-La Grange).

The department of revenue is estimating a \$1.4 billion revenue shortfall for the new fiscal year, which starts July 1. Senate republicans have rejected proposals to raise income and sales taxes, and have offered a plan to cut state bureaucracy, eliminate proposed new programs, force better management of state funds, prevent new business tax breaks, increase taxes on wealthy riverboat owners and increase taxes on tobacco products, with a portion of those proceeds earmarked for the state's school construction program.

Other budget plans have been outlined, including a proposal this week by Senate democrat leader Emil Jones that angered many members of the Senate republican caucus because it would force local farmers, agribusiness and small towns

into bankruptcy. Senator Radogono says she will fight the democratic proposal, which would put sales taxes on all new and used farm machinery, gasohol, farm chemicals, feed and seed to help offset the state budget deficit. Senate Democrats have also proposed placing taxes on coal mining machinery, manufacturing and assembling machinery and equipment, graphic arts machinery and equipment and designated tangible personal property within enterprise zones.

The following legislative measures are among those approved by both the Senate and the House of Representatives and sent to the Governor for approval this week:

Sexual abuse (HB 5002)- Requires members of the clergy to report sexual abuse to the Department of Children and family services. Exempts members of the clergy if they learned of the abuse through privileged communications such as the sacrament of Confession.

Veterans memorial (HB1033)-Creates a special Desert Storm license plate and income tax return check off with the proceeds going

toward the construction of a Gulf War Memorial.

Human transporter (HB 5610)-Permits the use of an electric personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD or human transporter) on a sidewalk.

School Safety (HB 1692)- Allows school districts to incorporate activities addressing intergroup conflict to reduce violence in schools.

MS checkoff (HB 4230)- Creates the Multiple Sclerosis Assistance fund checkoff to benefit health-related programs for people with multiple sclerosis.

Insurance (HB 5615)- Requires anyone convicted three or more times of driving without liability insurance to provide proof of financial responsibility to the Secretary of State for at least one year.

Stealing- utilities (SB 1646)-Sets penalties for stealing or helping someone steal cable, Internet, or other communication services that companies provide paying customers.

Open burning (HB 1081)- Allows a fire protection district to regulate open burning within the district.

St. Rita hosts summer football camp

St. Rita High School and the Mustang Football program will host a summer football camp for boys in grades 6-8, July 8-12 from 12-2 PM daily. The camp will be held in Doyle Stadium on the St. Rita High School Campus, 7740 S. Western Avenue in Chicago.

Tee shirts will be provided to all participants. Cost is \$50 per person. To register, call 773-925-RITA or email recruitment@stritahs.com.

Evergreen Parkettes honored in Springfield

The Evergreen Parkettes, having won the Governor's Hometown Award for 2002, have been invited to attend a special ceremony in Springfield, IL on June 25.

The last time the group won, in 1994, over 40 area residents were in attendance for the presentation. If you would like to join the celebration, please contact the Office of Citizen's Services at 422-8776.

Jolene Churak of the Office of Citizen's Services announced that Evergreen Park senior citizens who experience problems coping with excessive heat are welcome to the air-conditioned Community Center at 3450 W. 97th Street for relief.

The center is open from 9:00am-10:00 pm, Monday through Friday and 9:00-5:00pm on Saturdays. Residents of the Village who observe senior neighbors or friends needing assistance to call the Office of Citizen's Services at 422-8776.



Oak Lawn woman receives scholarship

Julia Joy Marek, of Oak Lawn, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees Secretary John J. Daley (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of one of the college's Faculty Association Scholarship.

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Pictured from the left is Edward D. Maloney, assistant principal of Brother Rice High School and candidate for the State Senate of the 18th District; Vice president meany: Oak lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb; president of the Village of Worth, Edward Guzdziol.

Hazardous Waste Day a success

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation district, and Chairman of the District's Household Hazardous Waste Day, said that the collection day

held in Oak Lawn was a huge success.

Meany stated, "The weather proved to be superb asset as more than 1,440 participants disposed of waste from their households.

Deemed the most successful yet, residents proceeded through the drop off zones with barely a ten-minute wait."

Barbershop chorus looking for singers

The Oak Lawn Barbershop Harmony Chorus is looking for a few tenor voices. If you enjoy singing come join us any Tuesday

evening at the Oak Lawn high school band room at 8pm. No experience necessary and you don't have to read music! We can always

use a bass or two, so don't be shy. For more information, call Paul Palmer, president, at 708/687-9081.

Forest Preserve Commander Quintos speaks with seniors

Commander Bruce Quintos, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Law enforcement division, will speak before the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors on Thursday, June 6 at 1:15 PM at the church, located at 9701 S. Brand Avenue in Oak Lawn.

Elaine Chords, coordinator, announced the commander will explain how officers control the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Commander Quintos joined the department in June, 1980. In November, he was assigned to work detached detail with the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement's undercover narcotics group known as the



Bruce Quintos

M.E.G. Unit. Quintos worked as an undercover narcotics agent making a record number of arrests in the Cook County Forest Preserve. He was promoted in 1988 to Field operations Commander.

Burbank Park District offers workout programs

Are you looking to get in shape for summer? Or did you just try on last year's bathing suit and saw something you did not like? If your answer is yes, then the Burbank Park District would like to help you achieve your goal.

With incredibly enthusiastic instructors, they can help motivate you and your friends to that desired size! There are many classes to choose from such as: boxing aerobics, body sculpting, low-impact aerobics and step classes. Program fees vary, depending on class and residency. Take the first step and sign up at Newcastle Park Recreation Center at 8050 S. Newcastle or call (708)599-2070 for more information.

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Fraternal order of police announces winner

Each year the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7 issue the Richard Liss Memorial Scholarship Award of \$1,000 to several deserving pupils. One was awarded to Erin Canterbury. Liss was a past president of the Illinois State Lodge.

Her picture is inserted in the photo of her father, Dennis Canterbury, shown holding the award with a long time close friend, Pat Suchocki.



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***Water Signs:** What in the world does it mean that your life's potentials, health and financial wherewithal are "in the Stars?" I don't know what is in the stars but my psychic ability tells me to tell you to "hang on, hang in" or whatever term I can use to inspire you to stay the ground! Giving up or giving in would be wrong, wrong, wrong! Many water signs get desperate and give in. You do that and you will be swimming upstream for the rest of your life. Think about how far you have come. Think about all the things you have overcome. You can and you should do what you know is right to do. S and M involved and people born in Cancer, Pisces and Libra too.

***Earth Signs:** It is said that if you wish upon a star you get your wish! Try it...it could work. People born in the signs of Taurus and Scorpio may be in this month's picture and well into July with you in dealing with common interest projects. Some of you want more schooling or training. Why not do it? Learning has no age limits. You could be facing a loss of a friend who wants to relocate, but it is best to wish them well, and remember to phone or write to them. Check banking matters and travel where you can afford to go and have some fun! Someone J...G and someone in the signs of Gemini and Libra come forward to help you in a needed way.

***Fire Signs:** Yes go for it. Yes you have earned it. Yes you can share it and Yes you can enjoy it. These are the answers to those unasked for but needed questions. You fill in the blanks! Leo people and some Virgo or Gemini people need to get involved in some of your plans, so open the doors and let them in. These are your best helpers this month. B...F and D are also involved in unusual ways. Someone really wants to help you get ahead financially. Stick to ideas that come to you like a flash of lightning. These so-called "hunches" often pay off.

***Air Signs:** Be aware that you could become very wealthy (Health-Wealth) as well as financially (through some kind of windfall). Most of you would share your good fortune. People born in Aries, Scorpio, Gemini and Cancer seem to have something more to share with you, like love, common sense and all that good emotional stuff we all need but seldom find. This is a month to try to find ways to relax, to learn more, and to employ new methods to do old jobs. Someone you work with or did work with needs your care or concern. This could be someone K and/or P.

I'm available for Mini-Sessions Thursdays at Willoughby's [122nd & S. Harlem]; Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] June 17th and Petro's [81st & S. Pulaski] June 12th & 26th ...from 6-8:30PM. Appts & walk-in's. Call us at 708.597.5866. I can see into anyone's YEAR ahead - my Personal Psychic Services are also available **One-on-One** in my office or by phone. Call for free brochure of Services. Websites: TheDailyPsychic.Com Sherlockjacki.com JackiMari.Com ...Release your **GENII-Self** to get you what you need or desire. \$10.95 total cost.

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Children's museum hosts golf classic

Got a budding Tiger Woods in your family? The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn is hosting its 1st Annual Pee Wee Family Golf Classic on June 15th starting at 10 am at Stony Creek Miniature Golf Course, 5850 w. 103rd Street in Oak Lawn.

The cost of the outing is \$10 per golfer (adult or child) and includes a full eighteen round game of pee wee golf, lunch, and give-away gifts.

All proceeds from this event directly benefit the museum exhibits fund, so reserve your spot on the

green now by calling Steve Loulousis at 708-425-7366, or download the registration form from the museum website at www.childrensmuseum-oaklawn.org. Deadline to register is June 10th.

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Lourdes High School closing

Lourdes High School at 4034 W. 56th Street, a private high school founded and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, that has provided a catholic education for young women in the West Edison neighborhood since 1936, will close at the end of this school year.

Although there is much excitement about the anticipated opening of a women's division of De La Salle Institute this fall on the campus of St. Mary's of Perpetual Help in Bridgeport, which both schools have been working collaboratively to accomplish, the closing of Lourdes is still a bittersweet event in the hearts and minds of the sisters, students, alumnae and friends of Lourdes.

The Sisters and associates of the congregation, and some invited guests, will mark the closing with a prayer service and ritual in the school Chapel on Friday, June 14 at 4:00 PM, followed by dinner in the cafeteria.

On Saturday, June 15,

alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, clergy and religious friends who have been part of Lourdes' rich history are invited to gather in Stritch Hall Auditorium at the School for a closing Liturgy at 11:00 am, followed by a formal reception. As a part of the heritage and legacy of the school, a PowerPoint heritage Photo montage will be shown, reflections on the heritage and legacy of the school will be shared, and displays of memorabilia will be available until 2 PM.

Brother Michael Quirk, FSC, President of De La Salle Institute, Mr. James Krygier, Principal, and Sister Josita Krzeminski, SSJ-TOSF, Associate Principal for the women's division, want all friends of Lourdes to know that they are welcome to visit and tour once "Lourdes Hall" of De La Salle Institute opens its doors to young women in the fall of 2002 at 1034 W. 32nd Place, adjacent to St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church.



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Children's Advocate physician loses hospital privileges

By Jude Coyle

Dr. Linda Lorincz Shelton was arrested by the Oak Lawn Police at Christ Advocate Hospital on Monday, February 11. She was charged with criminal trespass to property. According to Shelton, CEO Carol Schneider suspended Shelton's privileges at Christ because of Dr. Shelton's 'atrocious behavior.'

Dr. Shelton is a pediatrician and advocate for children and their families. Many of her patients are severely handicapped, or suffer from complicated medical conditions. Many are Medicaid patients and require home visits. She also works with many children in DCFS custody. She has testified before the General Assembly and Congress on children's health issues.

Dr. Shelton explained how on February 5, she took custody of brothers, AH age 6, and JH age 12. JH, she explained, has a long history of psychiatric problems. When she took the boys from a DCFS shelter, she did so because staff refused to give JH desperately needed medication. Without it, she said, he is suicidal.

With the help of Chicago Police, she took the boys to Christ Hospital where they were admitted and JH was medicated.

On February 6, Dr. Shelton said she faced a Juvenile Court judge about the incident. Dr. Shelton wrote "...she (the judge) refused to hear the defendant's side or why I had taken the kids from DCFS custody... She told me not to be involved with the kids and told DCFS they could take them back to the shelter..." Dr. Shelton tried to press the issue, asking to be allowed to speak. Instead, she was ordered thrown out of the courtroom. "The sheriff's deputies were very rough," Dr. Shelton wrote, "left their fingertips in bruises on my arms and literally through me backwards through two sets of double doors, breaking a door and contusing my back, head and neck at my surgical site."

The boys were released to DCFS while Dr. Shelton was in court.

Following the incident with the sheriff's deputies, Dr. Shelton said on February 9 she felt numbness in her

hand and foot. She was concerned, she said, because of serious surgery she had to correct a spinal problem. Per her neurologist's advice, she checked into the emergency room at Christ. After telling the ER doctor how she sustained her injuries, the ER doctor determined she was delusional. He had her restrained and administered a sedative and an anti psychotic drug. According to Dr. Shelton, she told him she was allergic and had severe asthma, and begged him not to do it. The drugs, Ativan and Haldol, would trigger a reaction. And according to Dr. Shelton, it did. "I was terror stricken," she wrote, "and feared for my life." She said Albuterol was then used to stimulate her lungs.

On February 11, Dr. Shelton said she tried to see CEO Carol Schneider about her treatment in the ER, and how she had been restrained. Shelton said she heard a rumor about being suspended. That was when she was arrested and suspended.

A flurry of activity has taken place since then. She was hospitalized for heart related problems, and per Dr. Shelton, guards were posted at her door. She was reinstated in March, but was told not to call or talk to her associates, and not to enter the hospital unless she was a patient.

In order to bring her sus-

St. Francis offers health screenings

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center offers complete cholesterol profile and (Prostate Specific Antigen) PSA Screenings. The cost for these screenings is \$30 each. No appointment is needed and you can schedule at your own convenience.

For additional information, please call St. Francis Fitness & Lifestyle center at 708-597-2000 ex.5615 Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is located at 12935 S. Gregory in Blue Island.

pension before the Hospital Board to have her privileges reinstated, she needs 55 of the two hundred doctors on staff to request a hearing. She faxed them, asking them to back her up. She has filed charges against CEO Carol Schneider for obstruction of justice.

On May 25 she faced Judge Welter at Bridgeview Courthouse. Christ Hospital charged that she 'grossly interrupted hospital operations.'

"I can't talk to the doctors," she said, "So I felt messages and sent faxes."

The action was continued until June 6th.

Joining Dr. Shelton on the 25th were friends, neighbors and parents of several patients. Dr. Shelton explained her situation. "As long as I can't talk to other doctors, how do I get the proper care for my patients? Some of these kids are severely handicapped..." Dr. Shelton is the only pediatrician in this area to provide home visits to seriously handicapped or ventilator dependent children.

Valley Learning Center has summer classes

About half of the students who enroll in Valley Learning Center summer classes will ultimately enroll in credit classes at Moraine Valley, according to a college survey.

The Valley Learning Center enrolls students age 4-14 in a variety of programs, and was created to provide summer catch-up and enrichment courses for children in the community.

Since its inception in 1987, the Valley Learning Center has enrolled 12,559 students aged 4-14 in its programs.

A variety of Valley Learning Center classes and programs are offered in the 2002 summer session in critical thinking, computers, economic education, foreign language, leadership, math, reading, science, skill development, special interest, sports and writing. Enrollment fees range from \$36-\$132. Please call 708-974-5735 for complete details.

For more information on Valley Learning Center enrollment, contact Josh Reinhardt, College and Community Relations, at 708-974-5742 or email at reinhardt@morainevalley.edu.

American Cancer Society holds "Relay for Life"

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature event. It began in 1985 in Tacoma, Washington by Dr. Gordon Katt. He ran and walked on a local track for 24 hours, traveling a total of 81 miles and raising \$27,000. Since Dr. Katt's one-man marathon, millions of people nationwide have passed the baton and raised millions of dollars for cancer research, education, advocacy and service. In 2001, Relay for Life raised \$212 million annually, with \$11 million in Illinois.

Relay for Life is an overnight event that lasts up to 24 hours at a school or community field, with events filled with fun and excitement for people of all ages. The event begins with a Cancer Survivor's Walk celebrating those who have survived cancer, or who are currently battling cancer. Later in the evening, the Luminara Ceremony remembers those who have been directly confronted by cancer. Volleyball games, music, live entertainment and pep rallies encourage

age people all through the night. Teams are made up of 8-12 people who raise a minimum of \$100. During the event, at least one member of each team is walking/running on the track at all times.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of the Southeast Suburbs will be held Saturday, July 13 at 1pm-July 14th at 8am at Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago. The

American Cancer Society, 50 cancer survivors, and residents of Alsip, Evergreen Park, Midlothian, Merionette Park and Oak Lawn will participate.

For more information please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org. To join or form a team, please contact Mary Gilliam or Stacey Hodges at 708-633-7770. The goal of the event is \$50,000 and 30 teams.

Business Directory coming soon. Don't be left out, call 708-423-9754

Clinical cancer trials at Little Company of Mary

Clinical cancer trials are an important part of the search for a cancer cure, and many are available at Little Company. The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites you to a seminar discussing how clinical trials are conducted, how they might be appropriate for you, and how to consider participation in one.

This program, presented by Philip Hoffman, M.D., Hematologist/Oncologist. The Medical Oncology Group of The University of Chicago Hospitals, and Co-Director, The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers and Mary Alice Cullina, R.N., O.C.N.S.,

Little Company Oncology Nurse, is a unique opportunity to learn about clinical trials. Questions and discussion follow the formal presentation.

Space is limited at this free program, co-sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which includes refreshments. The lecture will take place in Meeting Room 1, on the main floor of The Cancer Center, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park on Tuesday, June 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Valet parking is available at the 95th and California Avenue entrance to the Hospital.

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Ultimate Volleyball Club qualifies for national championship



The Ultimate Volleyball Club of Chicago

The Ultimate Volleyball Club of Chicago qualified its first ever club team for the upcoming USA Volleyball National Championship Finals in Salt Lake City, Utah. The top 48 12-year girl's teams from across the nation will converge over the July 3-7 time-frame to name the newest USA National Volleyball Champions in the 12-year old age division.

More than 600 other teams from across the nation will be competing in other age divisions from the youngest age group of 12 year olds, up to the oldest age group that is 18 year old girls.

The Ultimate Volleyball Club is in its first year of existence as part of the SportsClub in Frankfort where its home operations

are located.

"We are very pleased with the performance of our youngest group of girls in qualifying for the tournament in Salt Lake City," said Director of Coaching Erin Lorenz of Frankfort. "It is very rare for a new club like ours to qualify any teams for the national tournaments and so we are naturally very proud of this accomplishment."

"Many clubs are around for years and years and never get a single team moving on to the very prestigious national finals and we nearly had three squads qualify in our first year. We're very pleased that the 12-girls, qualified for nationals, and several of our other squads came very close, so we are

excited about the future of the Ultimate Volleyball organization-here in the southern suburbs."

Players from the 12-girls squad are primarily from the far south suburbs. The roster includes: Frankfort's Amy Garnett, Emily Perish, and coach Ryan Talaga; Mokena's Alexandra Medler and Collen Mitros; Orland Park's Molly Schwerha; and New Lennox's Angela Brown, Megan Scara, Colleen Ward and Gianna Zarlengo.

The Ultimate Volleyball Club is part of the SportsClub operations that also includes the Chicago Magic Soccer Club which is rated as one of the top youth soccer clubs in the nation.

Fundraiser helps celebrate Beverly Montessori's 35th Anniversary

Beverly Montessori School will be celebrating its 35-year anniversary in 2002. In honor of this special accomplishment, Beverly Montessori School will host its annual fund-raiser on Friday, November 15, 2002 at

the Hilton Oak Lawn and Convention Center.

Beverly Montessori School would like to acknowledge alumni and their children who have attended the school by creating a collage of pictures that will be

displayed at the fund-raiser. Anyone who attended Beverly Montessori School and would like to participate in the collage should send two non-returnable, snapshot size photographs, one of age 3-6 years and one current,

including a name and one-line biography of what he/she is doing now. Beverly Montessori School would also like to request that if any alumni have children who attended the school that they send a photograph of them

selves with their child/children. All pictures should be sent to Beverly Montessori School c/o Linda Budewitz at 9916 S. Walden Parkway, Chicago, IL 60643.

The fund-raiser will include a silent auction. More

information will be available closer to the actual date. Questions about the collage should be directed to 9773)239-7635. For information regarding enrollment or to set up an observation, please also call this number.

Win with a pin at Milwaukee Summerfest 2002

Summerfest Pin Program offers cash grand prizes plus chance to win one million dollars.

The Summerfest Pin Program will celebrate its 13th year in 2002 with a new Grand Prize Structure that is sure to appeal to pin purchasers looking for the chance to win big! Summerfest 2002 -

"The Big Gig" will take place Thursday, June 27, through Sunday, July 7, at Maier Festival Park in downtown Milwaukee.

The 2002 Summerfest Pins are on sale now through May 31, online at summerfest.com and will go on sale at outlets throughout Wisconsin on Monday, May

20 and will be on sale through the final day of the festival, Sunday, July 7. This year's pin design features a black matte plastic background with attractive red, purple and silver metallic accents in the design that showcases the Festival's 2002 logo. Three oval rings frame the logo on the pin giving

it a contemporary, stylish look. Summerfest Pins will cost \$5.00 each, and will offer the owner a multitude of benefits.

Each pin envelope contains a pin, a bar coded admission card and a "Big Ticket to Ride" coupon. The admission card is new this year and must be presented with the 2002 pin at the gate to gain admittance during the specified hours. Pin owners can use their pin and admission card to get in free to Summerfest at any gate Monday through Friday between 11:30 AM and 3:00 PM and all day and all night on Monday, July 1 and Thursday, July 4. The "Big Ticket to Ride" coupon being offered by Murphy Brothers is valid for the purchase of a daily wristband good for unlimited rides at the amusement ride part at Summerfest. The wristband is only \$15, a savings of \$5 off regular purchase price.

Of the 120,000 Summerfest Pins, there are 10,000 envelopes containing Gold-Colored Summerfest Pins.

If an envelope contains a gold pin, there will also be a registration form for the Grand Prize Drawing inside

the envelope. Registration forms must be filled out and submitted to the Marcus Amphitheater Box Office no later than 2:30 PM on Sunday July 7 in order to qualify for the Grand Prize Drawing. Registration forms will be accepted May 20 through July 6 from 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Saturday. Hours for registration at the Marcus Amphitheater Box Office during Summerfest are between 11:30 AM and 8:00 PM, June 27 through July 6, and until 2:30 pm on July 7. No late registration will be accepted.

The Grand Prize Drawing will be held on Sunday, July 7 at 4:30 PM at the Harley-Davidson Road House Stage. All gold pin owners will gain free admission to Summerfest all day and night on July 7 when wearing their gold pin and presenting their gold pin, admission card. At the Grand Prize Drawing, five registrants will be drawn to participate in the drawing. Five Cash Grand Prizes will be awarded. Two participants will receive a cash prize of \$2,500; two will receive \$5,000, and one lucky participant will receive \$10,000.

Each of the five Grand Prize Winners will also receive a \$1,000 gift certificate from Jewel/Osco. Plus, each of the five Grand Prize Winners will have the opportunity to participate in a game of chance to match a predetermined order of words for the opportunity to win One Million Dollars. Odds of a Grand Prize Winner successfully matching the correct order are approximately 1 in 720. The One Million Dollar prize will be awarded according to Milwaukee World Festival, Inc.'s contract with Republic Insurance Company and will be paid in 40 annual installments.

In addition to the Grand Prizes, the names of 10 runners-up will be drawn from the gold pin registrants and each of those individuals will receive a \$500 gift certificate from Jewel/Osco.

Summerfest pins are available online now through May 31. Summerfest pins and Vintage Pin Collections (pins from 1990-2001) will also be available online at summerfest.com now through July 31.

For more details on "The Big Gig" log on to summerfest.com.

Summerfest advance tickets available

Summerfest is not only the ultimate live music experience, but it is an incredible value. The value at the gate is great, but advance sale tickets are an even better deal.

Now through June 26, patrons who want to take advantage of savings can do so by purchasing their single day admission ticket or 3-day pass in advance. For only \$9.00 patrons can purchase an advance adult admission good for anyone 12 and older and save \$2.00 off the gate price. Single day admission tickets are valid for any one of the 11-days of the festival. For those who plan on attending Summerfest more than one day, a 3-day pass is the best value. For only \$24.00, patrons can purchase a 3-day pass that will permit entrance

on three separate days during the festival. Only one admission per day will be granted with a 3-day pass. The 3-day pass offers savings of \$9.00 off the gate price.

Advance single day admission tickets and 3-day passes are available exclusively through the Marcus Amphitheater Box Office and through Ticketmaster Ticket Centers. Ticketmaster Phone Charge or patrons may purchase their advance admission online at ticketmaster.com. New this year, patrons can use

"Ticketfast™" when purchasing tickets online to print their tickets at home.

All admission tickets, where printed at home or purchased in person, at a ticket center, or by phone, are printed with a unique bar

code. The bar code makes it safe and easy, however discourages any duplication of tickets. Festival organizers strongly encourage patrons to only purchase their tickets from authorized ticket sellers rather than purchasing tickets "on the street," in parking lots or from ticket sources other than the box office or through the Ticketmaster system.

Named "2001 Music Festival of the Year" by Pollstar and recipient of the "Grand Pinnacle" award from the International Festival & Events Association for excellence in event promotion, Summerfest offers patrons of all ages a diverse musical selection and an array of activities to enjoy. For more details on "The Big Gig" log on to summerfest.com.

North Stickney Senior Office offers drivers license assistance

Services will be offered on Tuesday, June 25, from 9:30am-2:30pm and will include written and vision testing, the issuance of drivers licenses and identification cards, and the sale of vehicle stickers for passenger license plates. This will be held at the North Stickney Senior Office, 6721 W. 40th Street in Stickney, on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call for registration at (708)788-9100 ex. 27.

The mobile driver services program is part of the implementation of Illinois new digital driver's license

system. For a \$5.00 fee, applicants may exchange their current valid drivers license for a digital license. In addition to surrendering their old license, applicants will need to show an additional form of I.D. containing their signature. Individuals within one year of the expiration date of their driver license may renew for a \$10 fee. Vision and written tests can be administered at the mobile unit, however, individuals requiring a roadtest will not be able to renew there. A new state I.D. is free to seniors 65 or older and is

now considered "lifetime" unless you move.

The digital license and identification card provides increased security and durability, and it also offers new tools for law enforcement to protect Illinois citizens from fraud and misuse of identification. Using digital imaging, the Secretary of State's office can electronically capture and store images and signatures. Only the Secretary of State's office and law enforcement can retrieve these images for verifying identity or issuing duplicate licensesfoundation.

Father's Day crafts at Chicago Ridge Library

Children ages 3-13 are invited to the Chicago Ridge Public Library 10400 S. Oxford on Saturday, June 1 to make a Father's Day gift for

dad, grandpa, or a favorite someone. Craft hours are 10am-12pm and 1-4pm. Children may drop in at any time during those hours to

make their gift and card. An adult must accompany a child who is age 3-5. Registration is required by phone at (708)423-7754.

Maria Pappas participates in breast cancer walk

Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, will participate in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Chicago. The event will take place on June 13, 14 and 15.

One of the oldest and most popular 3 day events, with over 8,800 people participating. It will begin at the Kenosha, Wisconsin border, and wind down through the

suburbs of Northern Illinois. It will then head down the North Shore Drive and along Lake Michigan, ending in downtown Chicago.

Sheriff's Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan and State Representative James D. Brosnahan invite all senior citizens interested in law enforcement and crime awareness issues to enroll in the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy to be held at Advocate Christ Medical Center-Gaddis School, 4440 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn, beginning June 5, 2002.

The Sheriff's Office designed the program to open

the lines of communication between senior citizens and law enforcement officials. Participants will gain a better understanding of the responsibilities and duties of law enforcement official as well as receive advice on personal safety and crime prevention.

"Seniors of today are active, educated and concerned, an in my opinion, are one of our country's greatest resources," Sheahan said. "This program will attempt to

unite the senior citizen community more closely with law enforcement for our mutual benefit."

Sheahan's top staff members will conduct the eight-session Academy. Each speaker provides pertinent information on an array of topics, including law enforcement agency operations, crimes against seniors, gang and drug awareness.

"I believe this program will provide the necessary tools to fight back against

those people who prey on seniors day in and day out," Brosnahan said.

This free program meets Wednesday mornings, 10am-Noon through July 31, when all participants will be honored at a graduation ceremony and reception.

You can register for the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy at Advocate Christ Medical Center-Gaddis School by calling the Sheriff's Office at (773)869-7725 or the Advocate

HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622.

The program is as follows:

Session 1, June 5: "Introduction to the Academy & History of Law Enforcement"

Session 2, June 12: "Crimes against the Elderly/Senior Safety"

Session 3, June 19: "Law Enforcement Agency Operations"

Session 4, June 26: "Crimes in Cook County"

Session 5, July 10: "Understanding the Criminal Justice System"

Session 6, July 17: "Overview of the Cook County Jail & Alternative Incarceration Programs"

Session 7, July 24: "Senior Awareness for Emergency Situations & Explosive Awareness"

Session 8, July 31: "Local Community Policing Programs & Graduation"



John Chappetto, an Oak Lawn resident, has been hired as the boys varsity basketball coach at Richards High School.

Richards hires new varsity basketball coach

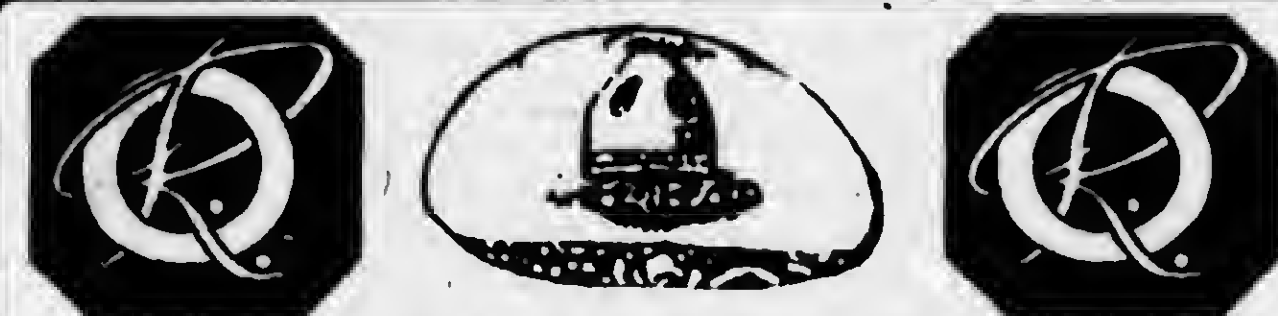
John Chappetto, an Oak Lawn resident, has been hired as the boys varsity basketball coach at Richards High School. Chappetto, who teaches social studies at Richards, succeeds Ken Styler, who recently was named Athletic Director at Richards.

Chappetto is a graduate of Brother Rice High School.

He has bachelor's degrees from College of St. Francis and Chicago State University.

Although Chappetto has not been a high school head coach previously, he has coached boys basketball for ten years. For the past two years, he was the boys varsity assistant coach at Richards.

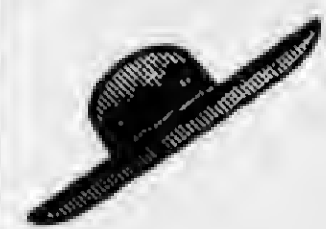
"I'm thrilled to have this opportunity at such a young age in such a great school. I have been very fortunate to have great parents (Charlie and Shirley Chappetto) who worked hard to put me on the right path," Chappetto said.



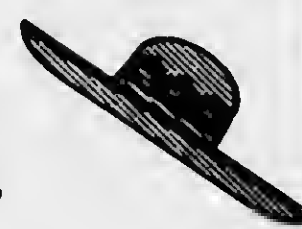
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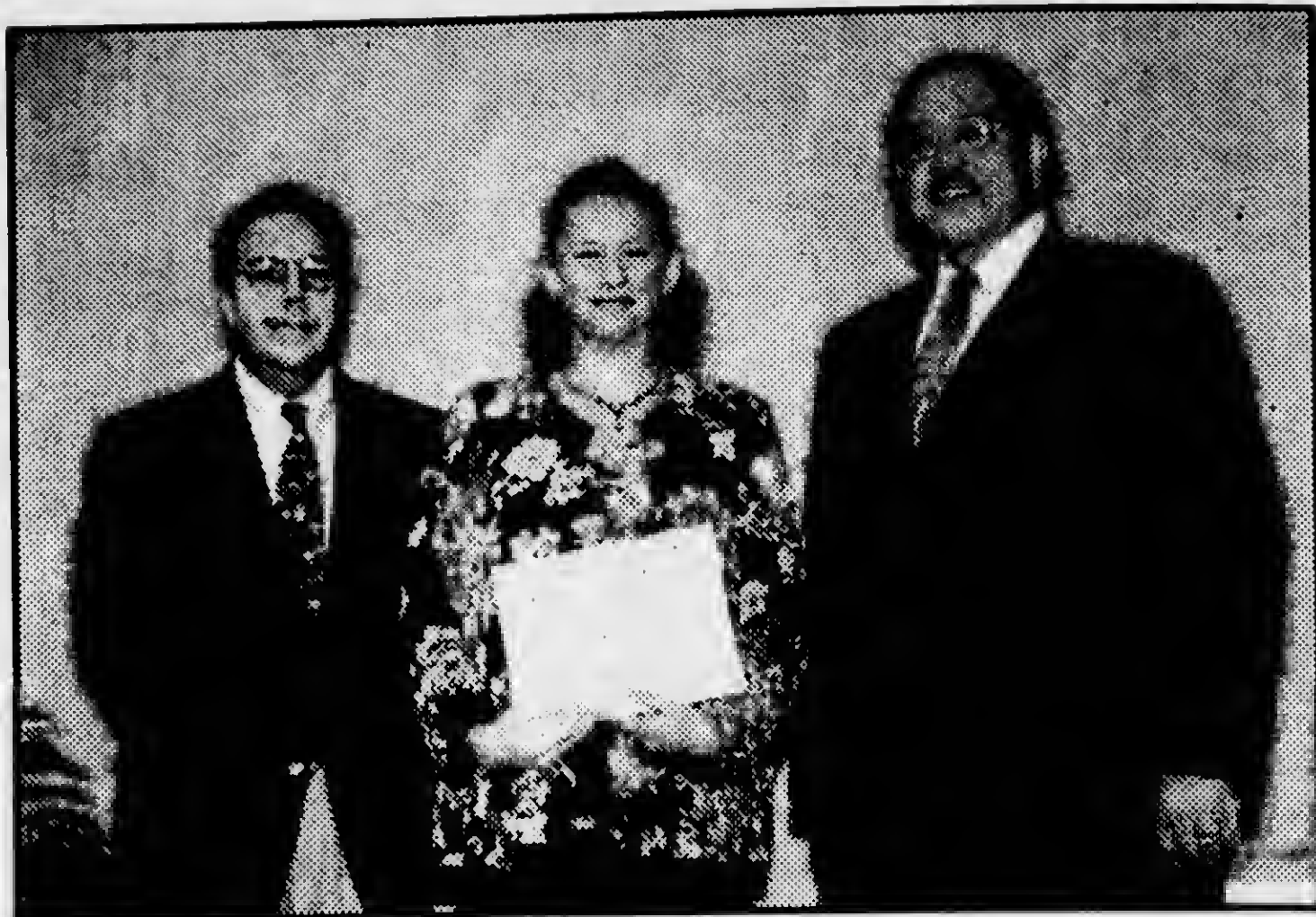
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Burbank woman receives scholarship

Joanna Miskowicz of Burbank, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees member Sandra Wagner (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award.



Evergreen Pk. woman receives scholarship

Debbie Wedick, of Evergreen Park, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees Secretary John J. Daley (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of the John Gubbay Memorial Scholarship and the Support Staff Association Scholarship.

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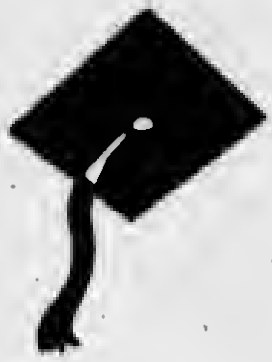
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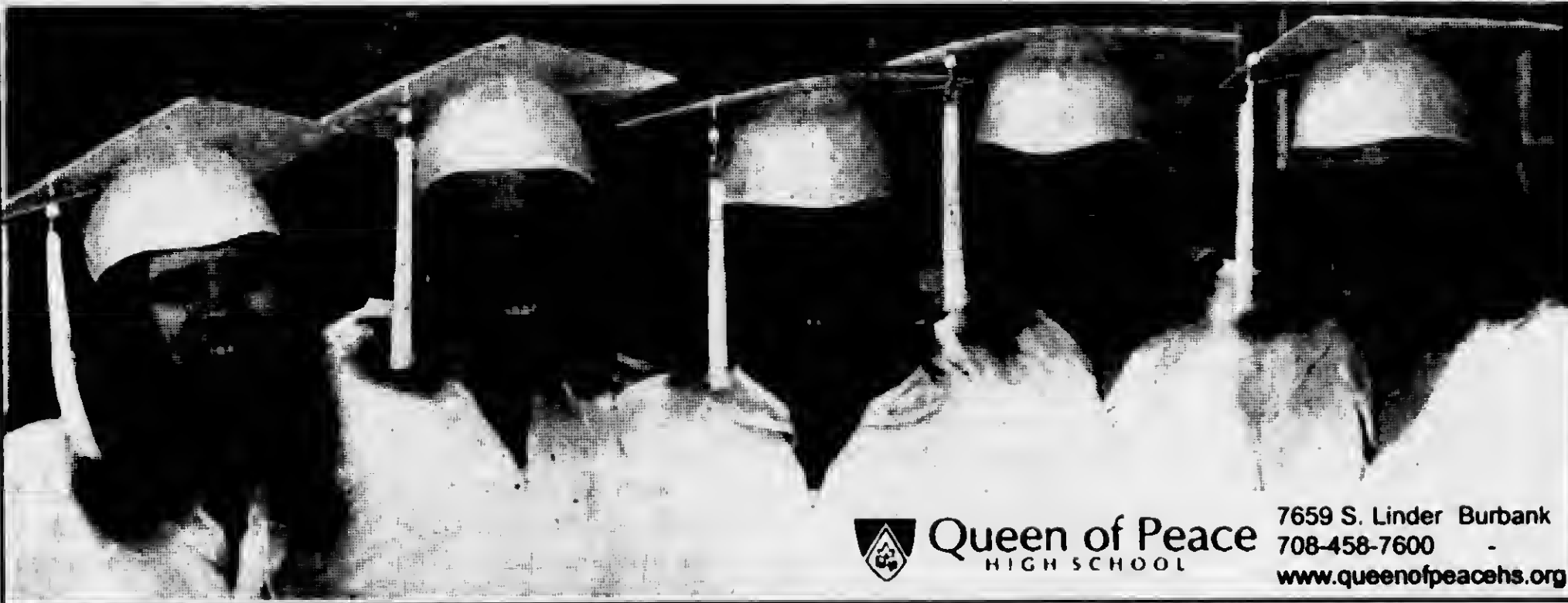
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Invention Submission designed the ILLUMINA-TOR for women who use one of its clients, an inventor from Wilmington, IL, has invention the ILLUMINA-TOR, a device for illuminating the interior of a purse or handbag.

The ILLUMINATOR The original design was would light-up the insides of a purse, making the contents easier to see. The invention could be incorporated into purses, backpacks, briefcases and totes or other types of bags.

The inventor specifically designed the ILLUMINATOR for women who use medium to large purses. "I can never find anything in my purse because of it being too dark. This is a needed convenience for any woman," she stated.

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Richards' top student grads

Richards High School in Oak Lawn proudly announces that the students listed below are among those who graduated with the 15 highest grade point averages for the class of 2002. Each has been an honor roll student all four years at Richards:

Cassidy Billek, an Illinois State Scholar, participated in the National Honor Society (NHS), student council, Model United Nations, Mathletes, Presidents Council, volleyball and soccer. She will major in communications at University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Courtney Cinko, an Illinois State Scholar, led the Scholastic Bowl and Academic Decathlon teams to the finest seasons in school history. She participated in the newspaper, Spanish Club, Science Club, Quill and Scroll, and Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Courtney will study pre-med at University of Illinois.

Vivian Dimizas, an Illinois state scholar, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was the president of the NHS, secretary of her class, and

participated in Presidents Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions and Science Club. She will attend University of Chicago and enroll in the pre-med program.

Lindsey Easton-an Illinois state Scholar, Lindsey participated in NHS, Science Club, Model United Nations, French Club, and bowling. She will attend Benedictine University and major in environmental engineering.

Victoria Guzzo-an Illinois State Scholar, Victoria was named to Who's Who Among American high School students this year. She participated in show choir, drama, NHS, Science Club (President) and Mathletes. She will attend Northwestern University and study business/advertising.

Stefanie Jachimiak-an Illinois State Scholar, Stefanie was named to Who's Who Among American high School Students. She participated in Model United Nations, youth and Government, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Mathletes, Photography Club, Spanish Club, literary magazines, Safe and drug-free schools and Science

Club. She will attend Illinois State University and double major in political science and Spanish.

Nicki Kastellorizios-an Illinois State Scholar, Nicki was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She participated in NHS, student council, Students against Destructive Decisions, Science Club, yearbook, speech team, Model United Nations, tennis and soccer. Nicki will attend DePaul University and study political science and philosophy in preparation for law school.

Emily Kenney-an Illinois State Scholar, participated in NHS, Mathletes, Model United Nations, jazz band, choir, basketball and track. She will attend Purdue University and major in animal science.

Elizabeth Novosel-an Illinois state Scholar, Elizabeth participated in NHS, Leo club, yearbook, Safe and drug-free Schools, Science Club, French Club, student council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Quill and Scroll, and Presidents council. She will attend Moraine Valley Community College as a Distinguished



Pictured, left to right (standing): Nicki Kastellorizios, Vicky Paraskevopoulos, Elizabeth Novosel, Elizabeth Scheibel, Victoria Guzzo, Stefanie Jachimiak, Joanna Witek. (Sitting): Courtney Cinko, Cassidy Billek, Kristen Shifferdecker, Kathryn Rosellini, David Raines, Emily Kenney, Lindsey Easton and Vivian Dimizas.

Scholar.

Vicky Paraskevopoulos participated in NHS, Scholastic Bowl, student council, Leo club, French Club, Science Club, tennis and basketball. She will attend Benedictine University.

David Raines-a national Merit Scholarship Corporation commended student, Dave led the Scholastic Bowl and Academic Decathlon teams to their finest season in Richards history. He was president of both teams and participated in Mathletes as

well. He will attend Dartmouth College.

Kathryn Rosellini-an Illinois State Scholar, Kathryn was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a member of St. Xavier University chamber orchestra. She's won Division I ratings (the highest possible in Illinois Music educators competitions) as both a solo and ensemble performer. She also participated in Academic Decathlon, Mathletes, Model United Nations, NHS,

speech team, Spanish club, peer tutoring and tennis. She will attend Northern Illinois University and study clinical laboratory science.

Elizabeth Scheibel-an Illinois State Scholar, she was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Her activities included student council, NHS, Leo club, Mathletes, Presidents Council, and French Club. She will attend University of Illinois and major in business/finance.

Summer Classes at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley offers a great opportunity for recent high school graduates to get ahead in their studies or even lighten their academic load come fall.

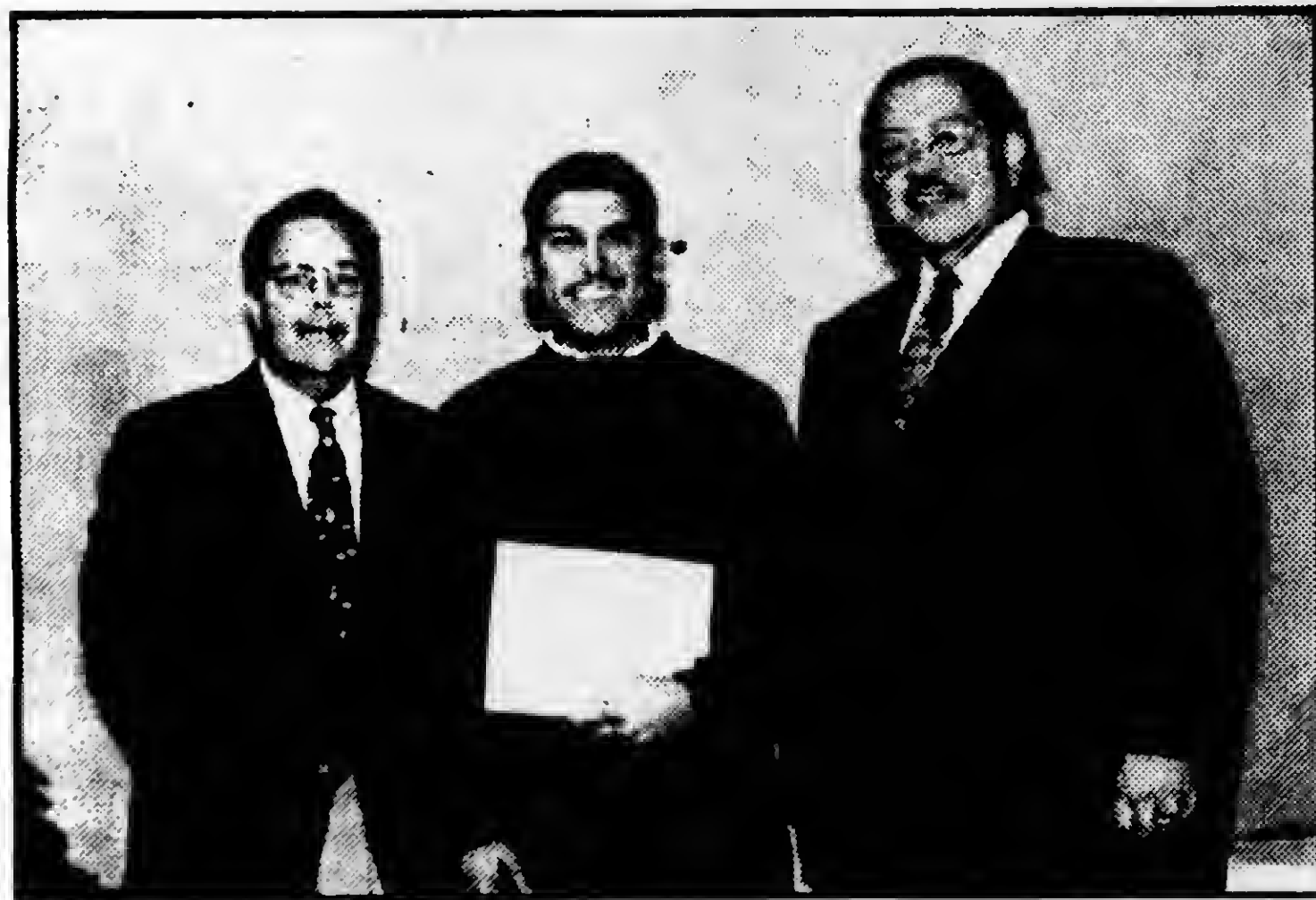
Last summer, more than 8,000 students enrolled in classes at Moraine Valley.

For those interested in obtaining a four-year degree, Moraine Valley established guidelines to guarantee the transferability of course credits to other colleges and universities.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of

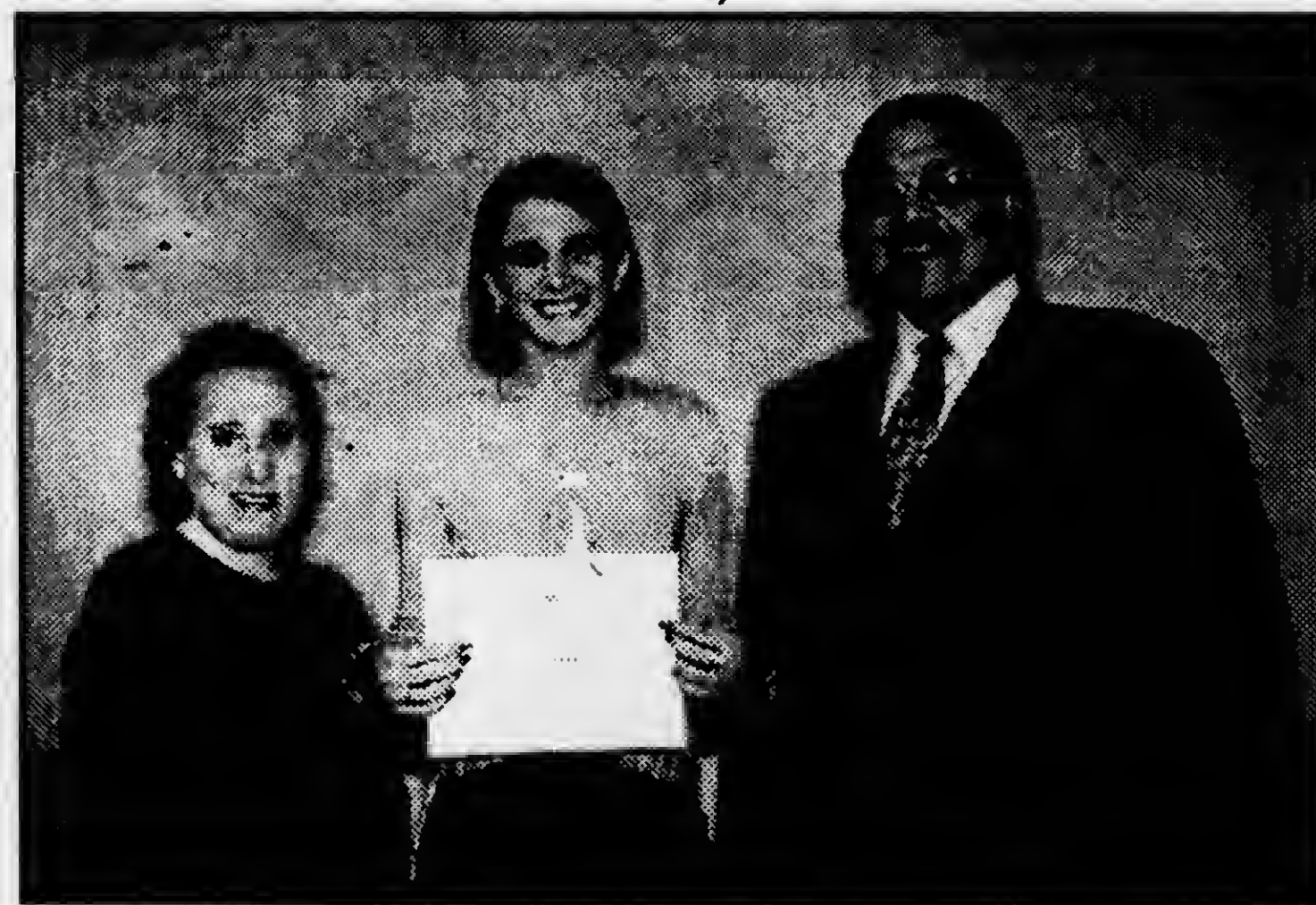
June 10. Tuition is \$49 per credit hour plus fees and books. Please call (708) 974-2110 for more information.

Information on all classes is available in the summer of 2002 class schedule or online at www.morainevalley.edu.



Orland Park man receives scholarship

Eliseo Betancourt, of Orland Park, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees Secretary John J. Daley (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of the Support Staff Association Scholarship and the Science and Business Scholarship.



Tinley Park woman receives scholarship

Amy Liedtke, of Tinley Park, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees member Mary Nolan (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of the Liberal Arts Scholarship.

Burbank water park opens

Burbank Park District Water Park is set to open on Saturday, June 8th at 12:30 pm and stay open for splash time fun until 8:15 pm. The Water Park will keep those hours every day of the week.

The fees are as follows: 3 & Under, free; Youth 4-17 \$6 (resident) and \$9 (non-resi-

dent); Adults (18-61) \$7 (resident) and \$10 (non-resident); Seniors 62 and older \$4 (resident) and \$6 (non-resident). Season passes can be purchased at the Newcastle Park Recreation Center at 8050 S. Newcastle Mondays-Fridays 9am-5pm.

The water park has attrac-

tions for all ages: two flume waterslide, zero-depth kiddie playland, L-shaped pool that goes from 3-12 feet deep, 2 low-diving boards, sand volleyball court and a concession area. Please call 708-599-2070.



KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Kathy Whirity

ON THE ROAD OF LOVE

The weary copilot, otherwise known as the wife in the passenger's seat of the car, had gotten quite accustomed to being the extra pair of eyes that helped her husband navigate the roads upon which many of their trips had been taken.

Throughout the years she had become convinced that, when it came to driving skills, 'Driving Miss Daisy' he was not. It was more like driving with Mario Andretti when he got behind the wheel.

Back and forth the arguments raced on. Her always accusing him of not keeping a steady eye on the road - he insisting that he really did see the car cut in front of them BEFORE she slammed on the imaginary brake. It was quite evident that he was becoming too dependent on her copilot skills.

She went on strike one afternoon on the way to Indiana. No more almost pushing her foot through the floorboard to get his attention, or almost going through the windshield because he counted on her reflexes to guide him. She informed him, ten minutes into the ride, that double vision on the road would no longer be automatic.

And that is how the first date mentality came into play.

"Let's pretend we're on a first date," said she - for it was common knowledge that on first dates guys are always on their best behavior. Now, if you've been married for any considerable length of time you come to find that sometimes tension can be diffused with a little humor - a sort of emotional survival tactic, successful at keeping a married couple compatible.

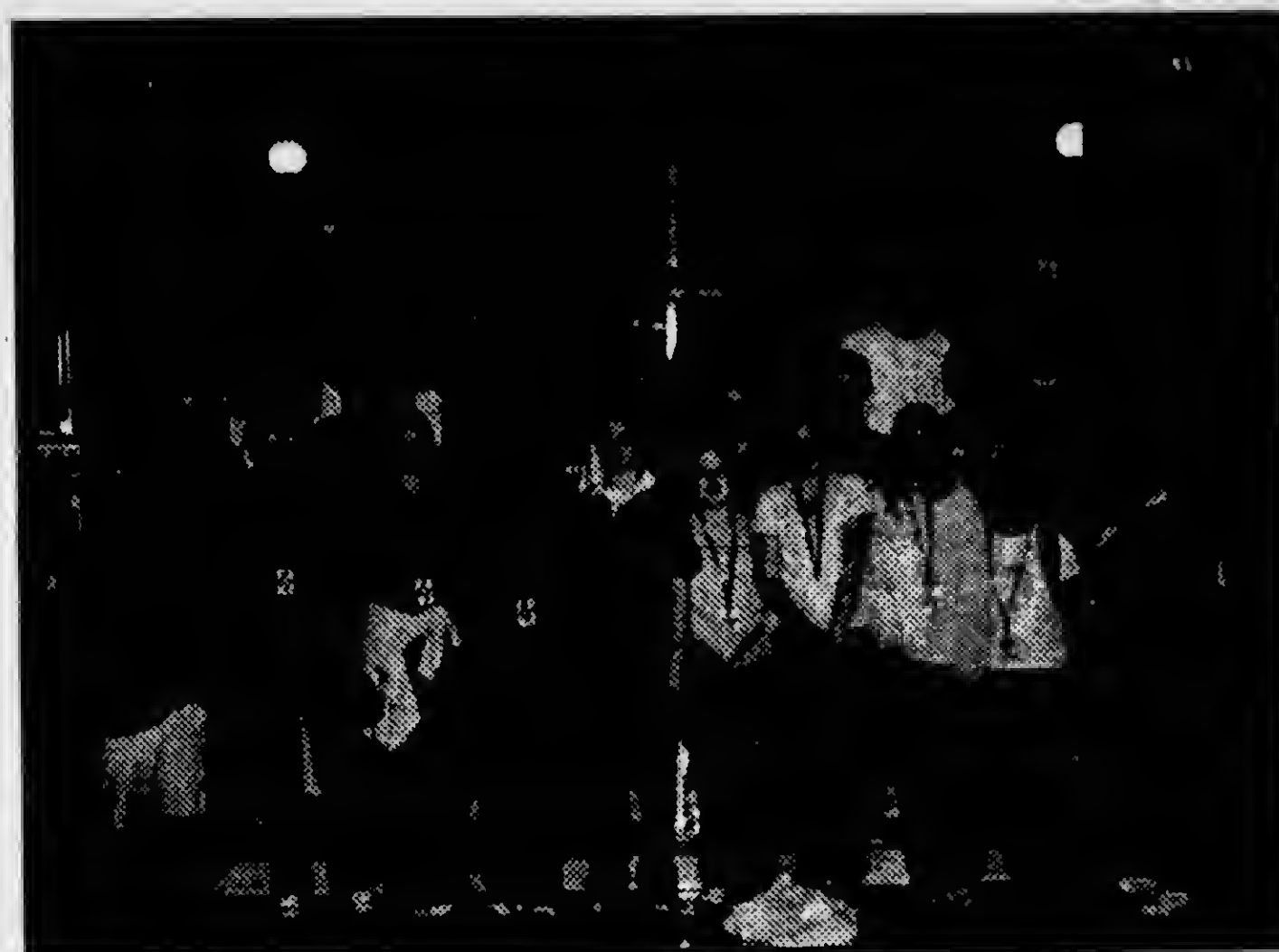
The Mrs. relaxed as she gazed out the window, oblivious to what was happening in traffic. His better half had to admit it was a smooth and peaceful ride, her charming date proving, once again, he still possessed the desire to impress his gray-haired bride. Young lovers who have grown old together, the fruits of their love always steering them in the right direction.

As for the kids, they couldn't help but tease their good-natured dad with the warning: "Watch it Dad or you won't be going on a 2nd date!" Isn't that just like love, to reinvent the playfulness and overcome slight irritations with lighthearted humor?

Marriage is a lot like vinegar and oil - if you don't shake it up once in awhile - it separates.

The dates, they would continue as the contented couple can be found heading off in the sunset, always directing their travels toward the highway to happiness.

The End



Brosnahan visits St. Linus

St. Linus Students visit Capitol State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park), right, visits with a junior high class from St. Linus grade school in Oak Lawn during a recent session day in the state capitol building in Springfield. Representative Brosnahan urges the schools in his legislative district who are taking class trips to Springfield to call his office at 708-499-2810 so he can meet up with them.

Proposed bill would require clergy to report sex abuse allegations

The Illinois House passed a bill Thursday that would require clergy to report allegations of sexual abuse against children.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Eileen Lyons (R-Western Springs) and State Senator Dan Cronin (R-Elmhurst) applies to any clergyperson who, through his or her professional religious duties, has reasonable cause to believe that a child is being sexually abused. The report would have to be made to the department of Children and Family Services.

The bill is in response to the rash of current priests accused of sexually abusing minors, and their superiors in the church concealing their histories, Lyons said.

"It is aimed at those (clergy) who would be more concerned with protecting their image and protecting their own than about victims," Lyons said of the bill. "They have learned about (charges of abuse) through victims, and they cover it up."

Some lawmakers expressed concern that a provision of the bill meant to preserve the confidentiality of the Catholic sacrament of confession was too vague and open to loopholes.

The bill exempts clergy from reporting the charges if they claim the privilege of receiving the information "through confession or in their professional capacity as spiritual advisers," Lyons said.

Lyons said most of the recent cases of concealed abuse allegations stemmed from victims or their families. "These cases are reported not in confession, not in the light of a spiritual adviser," Lyons said. "We can't cover everybody in this bill. It does not get everybody, but I think it does address a major problem."

The charge of failing to report abuse is now a misdemeanor. The bill would raise second or subsequent offenses to a Class 4 felony, carrying a one-to-three year prison sentence.

House Bill 5002 passed without opposition, 114-0, and now goes to Gov. George Ryan.

Naturalist to speak at Johnson Phelps VFW

Deborah Ripper, naturalist with the forest preserve District of Cook County, will speak before the A.A.R.P. #3558 on Monday, June 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Johnson-Phelps V.F.W. Hall, 9514 S.

52nd Avenue in Oak Lawn.

Lois Harris, coordinator, announced that Ripper will explain the recreation and conservation available within forest preserves.

Deborah has been as-

signed to the Little Red Schoolhouse nature Center in Willow Springs. She is a graduate of Elmhurst College where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and Spanish.



Orland Park woman receives scholarship

Statira Petersen, of Orland Park, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees member Mary Nolan (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of the Center for the Disability Services Scholarship.

Auto Classes at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley is offering classes in automobile know-how this summer. Learn to give some extra vigor to your vehicle by enrolling in these state-of-the-art automotive technology classes.

Classes in the 2002 summer session include Automotive Systems Operation and Service, Automotive Brakes, Hardware, Chassis, and Au-

tomotive Heating, Air Conditioning and Control systems.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of June 10. Tuition is \$49 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, record and registration Office, located in the College center, on campus at

10900 S. 88th Avenue in Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708)974-2110. (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can also register online via the college's website at www.morainevalley.edu or by touch-tone phone at (708)974-5400.

★ ★ Military News ★ ★

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James Wojciak, son of Donna Wojciak of Bridgeview and Donald Wojciak of DeKalb, recently visited Cochin, India and Colombo, Sri Lanka while deployed to the Indian ocean in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the guided missile frigate USS Sides, home ported in San Diego.

While in Cochin, sailors aboard Wojciak's ship participated in a community service project at the Shilpa Home and Missionaries for Charity, a home for handicapped children.

While in Colombo, sailors conducted numerous tours for Sri Lankan navy personnel, employees of the American Embassy and local preschool students. The USS Sides' visit to Colombo marked the first time in at least eight years that a U.S. ship remained overnight.

While in these cities,

Wojciak also had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy local culture and cuisine.

Although the primary mission of Wojciak's ship is anti-submarine warfare, the ship is also equipped with anti-submarine warfare, the ship is also equipped with anti-aircraft missiles and guns for surface actions.

Wojciak is a 1989 graduate of Argo Community High School of Bridgeview and joined the Navy in September 1989.

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Three local men recently took part in three community relations projects in Singapore during a Western Pacific deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

The men are: Navy Airman Chester Bohak, son of Susan Plachta of Bridgeview and a 2001 graduate of Argo

High School; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mark Sikes, son of Lisa and Mark Sikes of Oak Lawn; and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Alonzo Baker, a 1997 graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

Sailors aboard the ship gardened and painted at Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's home, Singapore Boys Town and a Christian outreach foundation home for the physically challenged.

While in these cities, the sailors had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Carriers, like USS Kitty Hawk, are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. Presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Good old summertime music at the Chicago Cultural Center

Chicagoans and visitors will be able to request some of their favorite American standards to be performed live by local pianists as part of Good Old Summertime: Music by Request. The program opens June 7 at 72 E. Randolph Street across from the Chicago Cultural Center and will be open seven days a week from 11:00am-6:00pm, with live piano selections daily from 11:30am-2:30pm. A player piano will provide musical entertain-

ment.

The event was created especially for Music Everywhere, a new summer initiative of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Chicago Office of Tourism, showcasing over 200 musical events around the city between now and September 29.

Good Old Summertime is inspired by the classic 1949 MGM film "In the Good Old Summertime" starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson.

The two work at a Chicago music shop as "song players", playing and singing songs for potential customers who want to hear the works performed live before purchasing the sheet music.

Local pianists such as Joe Vito and Audrey Morris will serve as modern day "song players", playing requests from a selection of standards, which of course will include, "In the Good Old Summertime".

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsors Grant Park trips

Music lovers are invited to join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library for a pair of exciting summer concert trips to the Grant Park Music festival. An in-person registration for both trips will be held 9-11 am on Saturday, June 15 at the Oak Lawn Public Library at 5300 W. 95th Street.

This summer's offerings are:

• George Gershwin's "S Wonderful" on July 17

• Strauss Waltz Night on Wednesday, August 14
The cost of each trip, which includes school bus transportation and free concert admission, is \$5 per trip. The bus will depart at 5 pm for both trips and return at approximately at 10 pm.

After the in-person registration closes, call 708-422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Oak Lawn Park District presents *Mame*



Josie Nirchi of Orland Park plays Vera and Ellen Micotto of Hinsdale is Mame in "Mame".

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District's Theatre's summer production of *Mame*, a funny and heartfelt musical based on a novel by Patrick Dennis about an orphaned boy raised by his eccentric aunt during the boom and bust years of the 1920's and the 1930's. In this production, Ellen Micotto of Hinsdale will portray Mame and two actors will play her nephew: Vincent Rossi of Oak Forest and Lansing's Andy Kolanowski. Sara Ketchum (Marionette Park) will play the nanny Agnes Gooch and Oak Lawn's Joel Craig will portray Mame's husband, Beau. Oak Lawn's Frank Fett produces the show and plays Babcock the banker.

Performances are scheduled for June 7-8, 13-15 at 8pm and June 9 and 16 at 3pm at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$14 for children. Call (708) 857-2200 for tickets.



Left to right: Actor Theodore Bikel, Fiddler on the Roof's leading actor and Mary Rochford, assistant for Rochford's Accounting in Palos Hills.

Chicago loves Bikel and adopts him as their own

by Annette Dixon

In 1967, Theodore Bikel, first came to Chicago to perform the role of Tevye and has been performing the role throughout the world more than 1600 times.

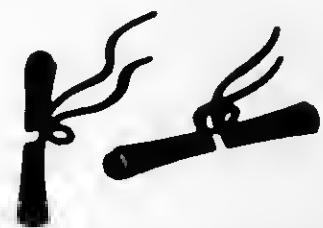
Fiddler on the Roof, the much acclaimed musical will not disappear from stage. There will always be a Tevye, but unlike Bikel, the others are imitators (of Bikel).

This stage door johnny stood outside one windy day maybe getting that last glimpse of Bikel. At age 78, he said, "he intends to continue with this role until the curtain comes down."

Mr. Bikel, a very gracious man took time to talk with Mary Rochford and pose for pictures. What an experience this was knowing that Mr. Bikel may not be appearing again soon in Chicago.

As Mary stated about the production, "he did just fine and he performed magnificently."

Business Directory coming soon. Don't be left out, call 708-423-9754



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Mother McAuley students receive presidential award

George W. Bush, President of the United States, awarded 95 Mother McAuley seniors the Award for Educational Excellence. This award has been established to recognize the outstanding effort and achievement in the classroom. Students must have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale to qualify for this award. Each recipient received a certificate signed by the President and the United States Secretary of Education.

The following students received this prestigious award:

Chicago-Catherine Barber, Colleen Bruen, Nora Capron, Susan Colby, Kelly Cunningham, Erin Dillon, Meredith DuMais, Julie Fitzgerald, Jennifer Florence, Allegra Fries, Maura Gavin, Deanna Gondek, Catherine Griffin, Megan Griffin,

Lauren Hensley, Tracy Huber, Jessica Hudec, Eva Jeziorowski, Kristen Jozsa, Denise Kenny, Amy Kentos, Jennifer Kentos, Anita Klimek, Megan Knightly, Alexandra Komorowski, Megan McCann, Erin McDowney, Caitlin Miller, Nina Mohenski, Julie O'Heir, Kim Ooley, Marta Orzel, Maria Papadopoulos, Margaret Parker, Kristina Patrick, Megan Poelstra, Marissa Pollman, Erica Prieto, Melanie Rahman, Brianna Salerno, Rebecca Seahill, Katherine Siefert, Nicole Sorrell, Meghan Stritch, Susan Szczepanowski, Moira Thomas, Carly Thompson, Alicia Thompson, Katherine Van Etten, Julie VeSota and Mallery Weber.

Oak Lawn-Margaret Berry, Tracey Bergin, Erin Broderick, Melissa Bruno, Paola DiMeile, Lindsey Foreman, Christine Herbas,

Jessica Herzog, Nicole Hodgman, Maura Matuszak, Jennifer Novosel, Maureen Reynolds, Carrie Richardson, Haneen Shalabi, and Jennifer Walrath.

Orland Park-Jessica Durkin, Natalie Finn, Gineen Gieselman, Sara Giglio, Teresa Olson, Nicole Parisi, Elizabeth Quinn,

Evergreen Park-Kimberly Alvarez, Amy Harmening, Meaghan Sullivan, Amy Sawyers and Courtney Wills.

Alsip/Blue Island/Midlothian-Samantha Dietel, Meggan Fogarty, Kristen Bush, Siobhan Fox, and Jennifer Sundin,

Palos Hills/Heights/Park-Natalie Bennet, Kelly Jung, Kerry Lanigan, and Megan Meus.

Justice-Kathryn Murphy Oak Forest-Bridget Kalisz.

Tech tour

On the week of May 6, students and faculty from Southwest Grade School in Evergreen Park participated in a Tech-a-thon in Springfield. While in Springfield they had an opportunity to visit the state capitol and the State Representative Jim Brosnahan, right.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District president honored

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored on Thursday, June 6, from 5-7p.m. at Magnums, 225 W. Ontario.

Commissioner O'Brien

was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 1988, re-elected in 1994 and 2000. He was elected president by his peers during his second term and is now serving his third 2 year term. He is a graduate of Loyola Academy in Wilmette and earned his

B.A. degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is currently serving as chairman of the Budget and Employment Committee and the Labor and industrial relations committee for the district.

Oak Lawn Chamber speaker to talk about airport security

Al Perez, general manager of Air Side Operations at Midway Airport will be the guest speaker at the next monthly luncheon of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, June 11 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333

S. Cicero. Arrive at 11:30 am for networking. Lunch is served at noon.

Just in time for the summer travel season, Mr. Perez will discuss security operations and measures taken at Midway Airport since Sep-

tember 11. He will also report on the status of their ongoing production.

For reservations, call 708-424-8300.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library looking for new members

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are now accepting new members and renewals for their 2002-2003 membership year. The fee is \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. The benefits of membership are news updates from the Friends and discounts on most trip tick-

ets. Membership forms are available at the library's reception booth and via the Friends website at www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/friends.htm.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials

that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. The Friends membership year runs June 1-May 31.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, at (708) 422-4990.

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McAuley alumnae volleyball league ends season



McAuley Alum Volleyball Champions - (from left) Tricia Boyle, Peggy Elwood Lundy, Therese Herman. (Bottom row) Amy Martin Goss, Genna Weiler Reilly and Michele Bernier Alberts.

The Mother McAuley Alumnae Volleyball league wrapped up another successful league with participation from 10 teams playing in the competitive league and four more teams in the non-competitive division.

The league started on March 3 and ended with playoffs on Sunday, April 28. In the competitive championship was Genna Reilly's team for the 3rd straight year! Team members are: Genna Weiler Reilly (Evergreen Park), Theresa Smith (Oak Lawn), Carol Quinlan (Oak Lawn), Michele Alberts (Hinsdale), Peggy Lundy (Oak Lawn), Tricia Boyle

(Oak Lawn) and Amy Goss (Hinsdale). Karen Sullivan's team took top honors in the non-competitive division. Team members are: Karen Sullivan (Oak Lawn), Patty Sloan (Oak Lawn), Mary Boylan Baker (Oak Lawn), Nancy Mayo (Oak Lawn), Sharon Ferrin (Oak Lawn), and Sue Caprio (Oak Lawn).

Congratulations to the winning teams and kudos to league organizers Debbie Zelenka Knightly (Chicago) and Pat O'Donnell Hoeksma (Oak Lawn).



Brother Rice golfer going to Creighton

Brother Rice senior golfer Anthony Schwartz of Orland Park signs a letter of intent to play golf at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Looking on are his parents Susan and Randall Schwartz (standing), Anthony's brother Trent and Brother Rice Head Golf Coach Chris Stiglic. Anthony was a four-year letterman in golf and was the team captain his senior year. He finished in fifth place in the Regional Championships in both his junior and senior years. The scholarship Anthony received is for full tuition-1/2 for golf and 1/2 for academics. According to Coach Stiglic, Anthony is "an excellent team leader and role model for the younger golfers."

Queen of Peace celebrates 40 years

Hundreds of well-wishers celebrated the 40th anniversary of Queen of Peace High School recently during a special Mass, reception and unveiling of the new Heritage Gallery, a black and white photographic depiction of the first 40 years of high school in Burbank.

Most Rev. John Gorman officiated at the Eucharistic celebration that brought together current and past principals, faculty, students and board members. Sinsinawa Dominican sisters who sponsor the school, family and friends.

The highlight of the

evening was the honoring of two women who have enriched the Peace Community time and again over the past 40 years. Sinsinawa Dominican Sister Toni Callahan, one of the teachers who founded the school in 1962, was inducted into the Queen of Peace Hall of Fame. Sister

Toni's formation of the school's Young Christian Students program inspired the 60's young women of Peace into a social justice frame of mind that has enabled them to actively work against injustices that perpetuate the cycles of racism, poverty and violence in our

society.

The Spirit of Peace Award that testifies to the gifts of an extraordinary alumna whose life and work exemplify the mission values of Peace was bestowed on Susan O'Halloran, a 1968 graduate of the school. Sue uses her creative artistry as an author,

dancer, professional storyteller, diversity consultant and curriculum writer to build bridges of understanding toward a more peaceful world.



How to enter the world of e-commerce

Moving to E-Commerce: The First Steps: Electronic commerce - using electronic media to sell services or products online - can provide businesses with a competitive boost and assist them in achieving goals and customer loyalty. The Illinois CPA Society provides the following guidance to assist businesses venturing into e-commerce for the first time.)

Laying the Groundwork:

The first step is to take a look at your business' core competencies, processes, and services or products. Your e-business should build on your overall business strategy. Just as with traditional selling, you need to clearly define and prioritize your customer or client base. Initial plans to use e-commerce should focus on a targeted market. For example, younger customers may be more receptive to using e-commerce than older individuals. Once you define the market, you can tailor your web strategy and messages specifically to this group.

It is also important to establish the goals you want to achieve by using technology

for commercial transactions (i.e., business-to-business). For example, are you trying to reduce labor costs, improve customer service, tie into suppliers, or generate additional revenue? Is your focus on reaching out to current customers or new ones? Your goals should direct the design and content of your site.

Understanding Customer Expectations:

Take time to do some research to understand what your customers want and value from your company. Position your products and services accordingly. Keep in mind that customers who frequent e-commerce websites are generally looking for the following

Clearly stated information that assists them in making purchasing decisions.

Easy-to-use search tools:

Purchase options that meet their needs. A wide variety of communications channels (telephone, fax, e-mail, etc.), various payment options, a forum for addressing customer questions and complaints, stated privacy and security statements.

Setting-up a store:

Your target audience, goals, and understanding of customer expectations will assist you in setting up your company store. In the online world, this is simply a location on your website.

To operate your online store, you will need to maintain a merchant account. A merchant account is simply your link between the online and brick-and-mortar financial worlds. It receives the proceeds of credit card purchases that are then turned over to you (the merchant business owner) in exchange for the right to collect on the debt from creditors.

Be sure to organize the items in your online store so that visitors can easily view, evaluate and purchase them. Essentially this involves creating and maintaining a database with a user-friendly interface to your website. You can purchase shopping cart programs that integrate a database into their packages.

Selecting software:

There are many software options to choose from to operate your online store. Es-

entially, the software you choose should be based on three considerations: how much you are willing to spend; the number of products you are selling online; and the ease of use that you and your customers require.

For most small business, a commerce software package ranges from \$150 to \$10,000. Look for a package that is compatible with the applications you currently use to track sales or inventory. Then make sure the inventory and sales order component will support the number of items you plan to sell on your site now and in the future. Choose a product that will enable you to easily add or delete items in your store.

CPAs can assist you in selecting the right software and establishing an e-commerce capability that meets client needs. Some CPAs hold the designation Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP), and accreditation offered by the American Institutes of Certified Public Accountants. This certificate is granted to CPAs with proven experience in planning, implementing and

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of former employees, from those who worked in the service industry to former executives and middle managers. Most of the employees who lost their jobs were in travel-related industries, an area that is struggling even as the economy rebounds.

To receive a free information packet or to check for eligibility, individuals should call toll-free 1-866-55ACTION or visit www.actionillinois.com.

ActionLAUNCH is a project of ACTION, the Airline and Customer-Related Travel Industry Occupation Network, a statewide network of workforce development organization that have come together to create options for those who lost their employment as the result of September 11th.

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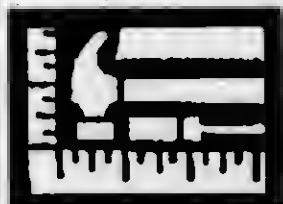
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Morgan Pk. reunion

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The Lansing, Michigan-based group has a repertoire of attention-getting tunes from sentimental favorites to popular rock n' roll spanning the 1930's through the 1990's, performing entirely without instrumental accompaniment. With their vocal sound effects (a virtual orchestra which includes guitars, drums, maracas, even bagpipes) audience members have been known to come backstage after a concert to

see where they hid the instrumentalists! Their family-oriented program is a great mix of harmony and humor with some sidesplitting spoofs blended into a high-energy style guaranteed to appeal to kids aged 9-90.

"Three Men and a Tenor" was born with a name that came naturally from a sight gag that creates wonderful opportunities for comedic interplay: three of the group's members, the

"Men", are well over 6 feet tall. The "Tenor" is just five feet tall! The group has performed in major cities in the U.S. as well as Edinburg, Scotland and has performed with The Beach Boys, Peter Cetera, Bob Newhart and many more.

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Tinley Park woman receives scholarship

Sarah Drier, of Tinley Park, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees Secretary John J. Daley (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of the Kevin Pressley Memorial Scholarship.



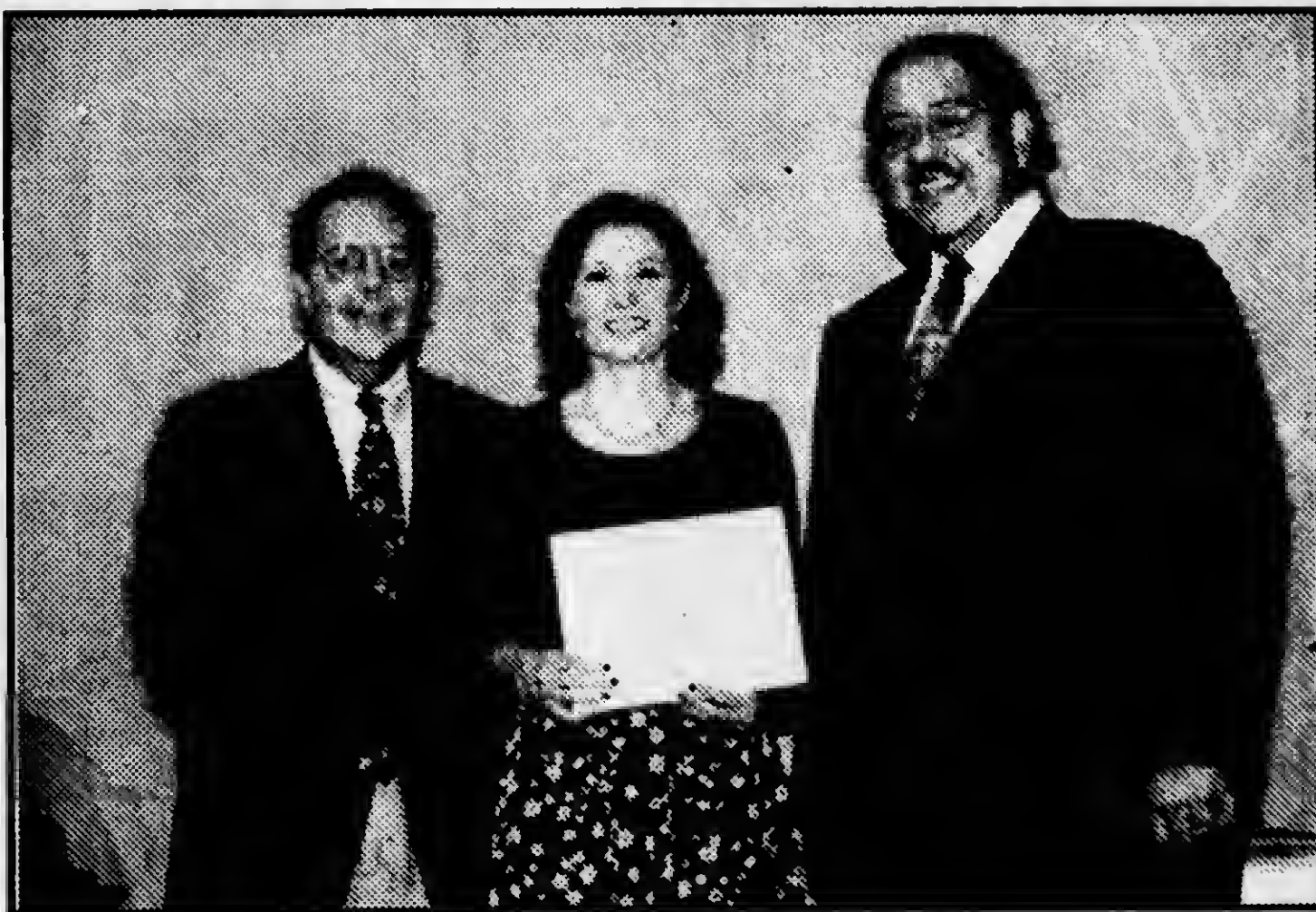
Orland woman receives scholarship

Loreen Nejedly, of Orland Park, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees Secretary John J. Daley (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of one of the college's Faculty Association Scholarship.



Tinley Park man receives scholarship

Mark Wallace, of Tinley Park, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees Secretary John J. Daley (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of the Faculty Association Scholarship and the Support Staff Association Scholarship.



Orland woman receives scholarship

Karen Sweet, of Orland Park, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees Secretary John J. Daley (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of one of the college's Faculty Association Scholarship.

Great vacation bargains in Illinois coupon book

The new Illinois Summer Savings Coupon Book serves up more than \$2,500 worth of special offers on accommodations, attractions, dining, shopping and entertain-

ment throughout every region of Illinois.

The lineup of special offers, valid through Labor Day, includes savings at 50 Illinois hotels and beds &

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The list of summer savings includes:

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Worth to consider preservation ordinance

By Jude Coyle

Christine Brooks is the Curator for the Worth Park District Historical Museum. She is also knee deep in the final preparations for the Third Annual Civil War Reenactment.

In spite of that, she addressed the Worth Village Board on May 21, about the next step of another cherished project: the preservation and restoration of Worth's old homes.

Chris brought with her a copy of an ordinance from Blue Island. The ordinance, enacted in 1981, sets up a preservation commission, which would recognize homes built in the 1920's and before. Once recognized, homeowners could then apply for grants from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to use for restore homes to their original states. Recognition also provides tax incentives.

In her presentation, Chris talked about two homes particularly. One was torn down in 1977 because the owner did not know how to apply for funding to supplement the cost of rehabbing.

Another home is located on Depot Street and is currently being restored. "When you take the siding off a home," Chris said, "You open up a whole can of worms... You don't know what's down there, and that can be expensive." She explained that the homeowner on Depot has removed Tudor siding and has exposed gingerbread trim.

She expressed concern about the bigger, more expensive homes on De-

pot along the tracks. "From the very beginning," she said, "These homeowners used to ride the train Downtown to work."

She also wanted the Board to know about the importance of homes on Crandall, and in the Crandall Subdivision. "The man's name was Crandall," Chris explained. "He bought farm land, subdivided and built homes there. Not because he wanted to make money, but because he wanted people to settle in Worth." She emphasized the importance of these smaller homes. "It's what we are. Worth has always been a blue collar community."

A while back, the Park District and the Historical Museum staff published a book with photos and the history of forty homes. Recently, a second edition was printed with 10 more entries. The Park District had plaques placed in front of each home listed.

"It's a beginning," Chris said. Once the ordinance is passed, and a commission is established, 50 homes will be ready to be recognized.

"We learned about the grants," she said, "Because the Park District tried to buy an old home at 7030 Crandall... We came awfully close." She hoped to restore the home and decorate each room in furniture from the period. An addition had been added and is currently being used as a living room. Chris speculated that display cases could be erected, and meetings or exhibits could be held

there.

Blue Island's ordinance has been in effect since 1981. There are many beautifully restored homes along Maple and Greenwood in the Uptown or Silk Stocking District.

The Civil War Reenactment takes place this weekend, June 8 & 9, at 110th and Depot. Activities are free of charge. That includes a play, battles and twilight tours. Parking is available in the Metra lot, both north and south of the station.

The Book of homes is available at the Historical Museum at 11500 S. Depot.

The Museum is a delight, and well worth the time it takes to explore.

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Maloney warns about property tax refund scams

The Palos Township Assessor, Robert E. Maloney, wishes to alert all homeowners, especially senior homeowners, of companies sending marketing letters claiming to be "property tax refund specialists". It seems these companies are preying on those Cook County residents that have not yet applied for their homeowner's exemption. Every homeowner is entitled to an annual property tax ex-

emption. You do not have to pay a private party to apply for any exemption! A homeowner can save from \$250-\$400 in annual property taxes by simply applying each year.

If for any reason you have missed the Cook County Taxpayer Exemption Booklet that was mailed to every homeowner in March, you can pick one up at the Palos Township office anytime Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30.

If you need any help in completing the exemption application, we have competent personnel to assist our residents at no charge.

The deadline for filing has been extended through June 17, 2002. If you have any questions or would like to mail you an exemption booklet please feel free to call us, as we are here to serve our residents. (708)598-4418.



The last two original employees of Moraine Valley retire

The last two original employees of Moraine Valley Community College have recently retired. Anne Donnersberger and Sharon Fritz both started working for the college when it opened in 1968. Donnersberger is a biology professor and department chair of Biological Sciences, while Fritz is a sociology/history professor and coordinator of New faculty orientation.

Donnersberger and Fritz

hold Moraine Valley's reputation for education in high regard, which contributed heavily in their decision to stay with the institution until their retirement. "Being able to grow and change with the times has also kept us interested in how education evolves," Fritz said. "Maintaining a willingness for acceptance and trying new and different things, like teaching courses on the Internet, has also provided us with oppor-

tunities for growth." Donnersberger and Fritz have had many job responsibilities throughout their careers, but both feel that maintaining their consistency as faculty members was the key to their longevity in education. "We've had many different titles and positions at Moraine Valley over the years," Donnersberger said, "but we've remained faculty first and foremost."

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Evergreen Park Police Officers Jerald Nowicki (left) and Peter Donovan enjoy a short stop at White Hen 99th St. for a quick water break. Four children spoke to them and the two men were the friendliest I have seen in a long time. Two officers (not pictured) are Officer Schulz and Officer Kane.

Evergreen Park bikers are motorless two wheelers

There are four officers physically ready and willing to do bike duty within the whole village of Evergreen Park. There are no boundaries. They can patrol anywhere, anytime in alleyways, parks, shopping centers, residential neighborhoods, schools and all main thoroughfares. It has only been two years, but the success is great. They mingle with the community and everyone enjoys seeing them. When asking residents east of California if they knew there were officers patrolling on bikes, they said, "no". I have conducted a survey with 32 residents between 95th and 101st between California and 99th, of course I may have touched on a couple of Chicago blocks because between 99th and 103rd, California to Kedzie, some blocks are in Evergreen Park and others are in Chicago. You can call your local Evergreen Park Police Station non emergency number of 422-2142 if you need more information regarding Officer bike patrol.

American Cancer Society to sponsor "Relay for Life"

The South Suburban Unit of the American Cancer Society, the nation's leading voluntary health organization, will honor approximately 20 cancer survivors during this year's Relay For Life of Southeast Suburbs.

The Relay For Life will take place at Marist High School on July 13 and 14. The survivor celebration will begin with a luncheon for all survivors and a caretaker at 12 p.m. on July 13. The luncheon is free, due to donations from 115 Bourbon Street.

Cancer survivors will lead the relay by walking the first

lap. It will begin immediately following the opening ceremonies at 1 p.m.

Relay For Life is a 24-hour event that brings together teams from local businesses, schools, churches, and families for fun, food, music, entertainment and a night under the stars, while team members take turns walking or running on a track.

This year's event is expected to raise \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and patient service programs.

The American Cancer So-

ciety is the leading nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to the elimination of cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information about Relay For Life or about cancer, call toll-free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org.

Those interested in participating can contact Southeast Suburb Relay for Life, call 708-633-7770.

Firefighters sworn in at Oak Lawn meeting

by Erin Traynor

As proud family members and a large gathering of firefighters looked on, James Jensen and Charles O'Donnell took the Oath of Office at the June 11 Village of Oak Lawn regular meeting.

Firefighters cheered and family members documented the moment on their camcorders as Village Clerk Jayne Powers swore the two young men in. Village President Ernest Kolb posed for photographs with the two new additions to the Oak Lawn Fire Department and stated, "It's great to see young people starting out on a path of service."

President Kolb then opened the meeting to new business by Village Trustees. District 1 Trustee Jerry Hurckes announced that Oak Lawn resident and Village Special Event Coordinator Lily Douville was named "Senior of the Year" for the South & Southwest suburbs. District 4 Trustee Steven

Rosenbaum announced the next 4th District meeting will be held on July 16 at the Salem United Church.

The meeting moved on to the consent agenda, where all motions were unanimously approved, including:

The awarding of a contract for the 2002 Street Resurfacing Program to the lowest bidder, Crowley-Shepard Asphalt for \$632,599.

Ordinance #02-11-31, an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 4, of the Village Code regarding the probationary period for civil service employees.

Also approved was the AFSCME labor agreement and a proclamation to honor retiring Sister Avitta of St. Linus Parish was also approved, and June 12 was declared "Sister Avitta Day" in Oak Lawn.

Village Clerk Powers also moved for the approval of semi-monthly disbursements in the amount of \$1,783,411 and a sponsorship of the upcoming Oak Lawn Family

Days for \$250.

Powers also announced that Local #601 of AFSCME was sponsoring a food drive to benefit three local food pantries on June 15. Powers also announced that the annual Summer Concert Series would begin on June 23 at the Village Green with Franz Bentler and his Orchestra, and the Farmer's Market would open its season on June 26th at 7am.

Kolb reported he'd recently attended a CATS council meeting and expressed the group seemed "iffy on big projects" for 2003-2004, but that he hoped road improvements would continue.

Citing the busy summer season as her reason, District 5 Trustee Maryanne Joy moved that the second monthly regular meetings in July and August be cancelled, which was unanimously passed. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on June 25 at 8pm in the Village Hall second floor auditorium.

Richards Volleyball

H.L. Richards High School, 106th & Central Ave. in Oak Lawn, will host a volleyball camp July 22nd through July 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The camp is for girls and boys in 6th through 12th grade. The registration fee is \$50 per camper due no later than June 30th. Only the first 100 registrants will be accepted. All campers will receive a shirt and participate in a camp-ending tournament.

For more information call Coach Dan Backon at (708) 424-8073.

Advance Bank celebrates 100 years

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"We are pleased to be able to celebrate the accomplishments of so many people who have gone before us to create this legacy of 100 years of service to our customers and communities. We thank you for your business and the opportunity to serve your need," said Jim Fitch, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of Advance Bank.

For more information regarding open house schedules call 708-418-2600.

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Alumae tee off

The St. Xavier Academy and Mother McAuley Alumni Association will host its annual golf outing, "Putt & Party," on August 9 at Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn.

Golf starts at 3:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 5:30.

The fee for golfers is \$60 while the price for non-golfers who wish to join the buf-

fet is \$20. A raffle will also be held.

All net proceeds go to student financial assistance.

The Mother McAuley Class of '62 will be holding its 40 year reunion as part of the golf outing.

Contact the Alumnae Office at 773-881-6565 or visit the web at www.mothermcauley.org for a registration form.

Pediatrician suspended from Christ Medical Center

By Jen Haberkorn

Dr. Linda Shelton, a pediatrician with suspended hospital privileges at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, was seen in a Cook County Courthouse on June 6 to face misdemeanor charges of criminal trespassing at the hospital.

Shelton was arrested on Feb. 11 after attempting to meet with Advocate Christ Medical Center CEO Carol Schneider about treatment she received in the hospital's ER days earlier. It was then that she was notified of her suspension, also.

Shelton claims she was suspended after admitting two children from a Department of Children and Family Services shelter to the hospital.

Shelton was told not to talk to her associates. In order to have her privileges reinstated at the hospital, Shelton needs 55 of the 200 physicians on staff to request a hearing before the hospital board. Thus, she faxed the physicians asking for help.

Shelton argued that she believes the hospital is not allowing her due process to try to lift the suspension by not allowing her to talk to her associates. Because of this, she has filed charges against Schneider for obstruction of justice.

Shelton has filed numerous other pre-trial motions, including four motions to dismiss, and a motion to sanction the lawyers representing the hospital. They were postponed until July 10.

A stand-by public defender was appointed to Shelton after she completed an affidavit, which stated she qualified for such counsel. Her own extensive medical bills have forced her out of her home and office. She said the costs have forced her to "live off the charity of someone else."

Shelton has also issued subpoenas to more than 20 potential witnesses, including physicians at the hospital. Because the potential witnesses have acquired coun-

sel, Shelton may contact them only for medical reasons.

Shelton said she has a promise to her patients to uphold.

"Do you want me to ignore the Medical Practice Act of Illinois?" Shelton questioned Cook County Judge Robert Smierciak. She said that her patients' treatments would be in jeopardy if she were not allowed access to the hospital.

Although she did not have any patients in the hospital at the time of her court appearance, many of Shelton's patients have complex medical problems, which require frequent contact with physicians at the hospital, she said.

Smierciak continued a previous ruling that stated Shelton is allowed access to the hospital for lawful purposes, but said that she enters the hospital at her own

risk of arrest.

The trespassing charge against her was postponed until July 10.



Working the crowd

Radio Disney DJ the "G-Man" revs up the crowd at an appearance in Chicago Ridge Mall recently.

Display cases available.

The Oak Lawn Library at 5300 W. 95th Street has two community display cases that may be reserved for one calendar month by individuals, local community groups and organizations interested in exhibiting special collections, handicrafts, activities and creative works. Applications are available at the library's Reception Booth, first floor.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, at 708-422-4990.

Community Advisory

Due to an increase in confidence type crimes and scam artists operating in the area, the Oak Lawn Police Department is issuing this warning. The suspects have specifically targeted homeowners and senior citizens in various scams. In five separate cases on June 3 and 4, five elderly residents reported that they received telephone calls from a male caller who said that he was their grandson and that he needed money for bills and would send someone over right away to pick it up. In three of the cases, the resident became suspicious and notified the police after calling the relatives. In the two other cases, the resident actually went to the bank and withdrew the money which the caller requested. When the victim returned home from the bank, they received another call from the suspect who instructed the victim to give the money to his friend. The victim gave \$2,000 to the friend who arrived shortly after the victim hung up the phone. They did not realize that they had been victimized until after speaking with the grandson. Another senior resident was victimized by the same scam and gave the suspect \$4,000.

The following are tips to help avoid being victimized:

- If you are suspicious of the caller, hang up and attempt to verify the information with a relative.

- Do not give personal information or discuss finances over the telephone.

- If a suspicious caller says that they are going to come to your home, notify the police immediately.

- Never withdraw large sums of money from the bank under these types of circumstances without consulting a close relative first.

If you fall victim to a confidence crime, report the incident to the police. If the offender is still in the area, call 911. Your report may help other persons from falling victim to the same scam.

Senator Viverito honored in Burbank

State Senator Louis S. Viverito (D-Burbank) was honored May 29 by the City of Burbank for his service to the area's senior citizens when the new Louis S. Viverito Senior Center was officially dedicated.

Senator Viverito was in Springfield for the completion of the General Assembly's spring session which has gone into overtime to deal with the state's ongoing budget crisis.

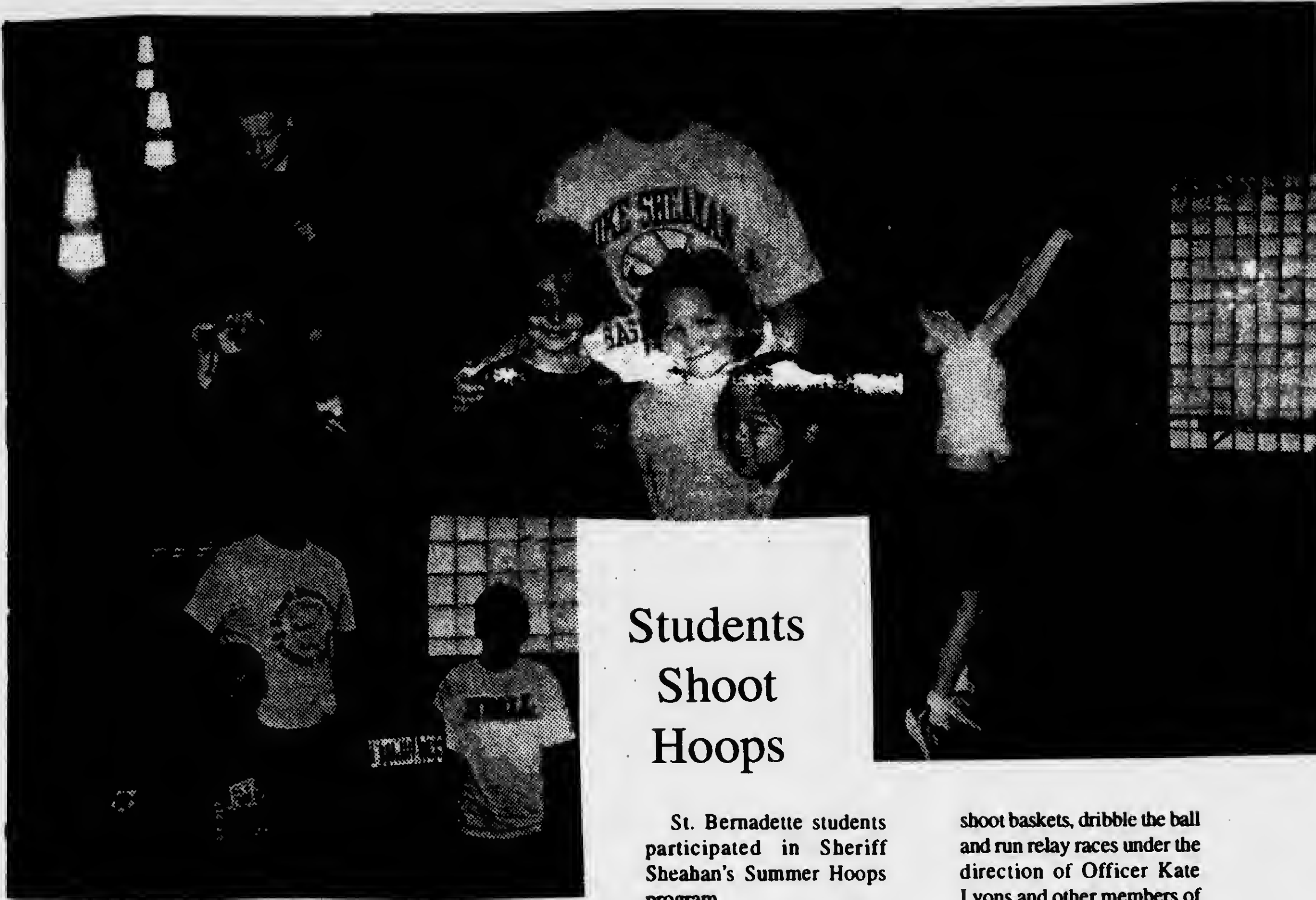
His wife, Carolyn Viverito, delivered his remarks on his behalf.

"I am so grateful for the honor bestowed upon me today," Viverito said. "I believe we must do all we can to show our appreciation to those who have built this great nation. This senior center is yet another example of our commitment to our area's seniors and I hope it inspires younger generations to show their gratitude for those who have done so much for our community."

Numerous local officials were on hand to honor Senator Viverito and the new senior center. Joining the nearly 700 attendees at the event were Deputy Director of the Illinois Department of Aging, Lynda Ganzer, Mayor Don Tabor of the Village of Stickney, Mayor Harry J. Klein of Burbank and Mayor Ernie Kolb of Oak Lawn.

The building, 7745 S. Leamington in Burbank, formerly housed the Burbank Police Department. Senator Viverito was able to work with Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones, to obtain funding for the center through the Illinois First Program.

The funds were used to renovate the building, and will be used to provide meals and activities at the center. The center will serve meals five days a week, and will house 18 senior social clubs. It also serves as a refuge for people when the weather turns too hot to stay in their home.



Students Shoot Hoops

St. Bernadette students participated in Sheriff Sheahan's Summer Hoops program.

Members of Sheahan's Summer Hoops staff provided the program for the students.

Participants were able to

shoot baskets, dribble the ball and run relay races under the direction of Officer Kate Lyons and other members of the staff.

Upon completion of the program, the students received t-shirts and soccer balls.

French students win national contest

Four students at McGugan Junior High in Oak Lawn won the National French Contest.

Joshua Fisher and Melanie Roon placed tenth nationally and seventh locally in the national exam.

Brian Kita and Melissa Room placed eleventh nationally and eighth locally.

The examination, in its 67th year, is a national competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students are evaluated on their skills in grammar, vocabulary, reading, culture, and comprehension in French.

Over 94,000 students in 50 states competed.

The students and their families were honored at an awards ceremony held at Dominican University in River Forest on May 25.

Lisa Narug, National Chair for Awards for the American Association of Teachers of French said, "These students are a source of great pride to American education and indicative of the high level of achievement of American schools in imparting the French language and culture."

Oak Lawn Park District celebrates Independence Day

The Oak Lawn Park District is celebrating Independence Day in Memorial Park. The event, "Star Spangled Fourth of July" will be held on July 4.

The annual free event will feature classic activities--such as the Seemore the Eagle/Old Navy children's bike parade, the kid's fishing derby, a petting zoo and pony rides-- and a new artistic element: the children's clothesline art festival. The art festival will be a display of patriotic posters under the theme, "Park, Fun & Freedom."

The contest is open to children ages six to 12 and the deadline is June 28.

First-, second-, and third-place winners will be selected prior to the celebration in the following age groups: six to seven, eight to 10, and 11 to 12.

After the daytime activities at Memorial Park, entertainment will be offered at Richards High School, 106th Street and Central Ave.

The gates will open at 6:30 p.m. The Oak Lawn

Park District's gymnastic group, the Pirouettes, will put on a demonstration at 7:30 p.m., followed by rock-and-soul music from B.B.I. The band will perform music from the past 50 years, including songs by the Temptations, Elvis Presley, Jimi Hendrix, and Donna Summer.

Following the concert will be a fireworks show set to patriotic music. The fireworks are designed by Melrose Pyrotechnics and cosponsored by the Village of Oak Lawn.

Admission is free at both Memorial Park and Richards High School. Some events and games, however, include

a fee.

The complete schedule on July 4:

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Concessions, arts and crafts, miniature golf at Stony Creek Golf Course.

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Seemore the Eagle/ Old Navy Children's Bike Parade. Line up is at Stony Creek parking lot.

10 a.m. to noon. Square dancing

10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Face painting and golf cart rides

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kids' garage sale, water wars, pony rides, petting zoo, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, Hot Shot free-throw contest, sand volleyball, carnival games,

1954 Time Capsule found

While preparing to begin construction on a 30,000 square foot addition to the Oak Lawn Public Library, a 48-year old time capsule was uncovered. The capsule was found embedded in the cornerstone of the oldest part of the building. Sealed inside a piece of limestone, the copper box contained historic library records and other significant, timely material-- all in excellent condition.

"From the contents of this time capsule, it is obvious that the founding leaders of

our library had a clear vision for the future and a sincere appreciation for the efforts of those who have served the library," said Dr. James B. Casey, library director.

The contents of the time capsule will be revealed to the public at the June 25 meeting of the library board of trustees at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room in the lower level.

During July, the time capsule will be on exhibit in the local history area of the library on the second floor.

dunk tank, games galore, bubble pool.

11 a.m. Magician Paul Lee.

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Nature activities, picnic games, kids crafts, adult bingo.

11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Open swim.

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kids fishing derby.

Noon - 2 p.m. Big Wheel races, kids obstacle course.

1 p.m. Entertainment by Circus Boy.

1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Long-drive contest at Stony Creek Golf Course.

7:30 p.m. Pirouettes Gymnastics demonstration at Richards High School.

8 p.m. Live music by B.B.I. at Richards High School.

Dusk. Fireworks at Richards High School.

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Chamber to host golf fundraiser

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual golf-outing fundraiser on Wednesday, July 10 at Palos Country Club.

Tee off begins at 6:30 a.m. Throughout the day, games and refreshments will be available. Lunch at the Halfway House will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The fee is \$55 per golfer and advanced payment is required to reserve tee times. The deadline is July 3.

In the evening, a dinner gala will feature a raffle. Cocktails begin at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:30.

The fee for the dinner is \$45 and advanced reservations are required.

To attend both the golf outing and the dinner, a \$95 fee is available. For reservations, call the Chamber Office at 708-424-8300.

The event will benefit the Oak Lawn business community.

Library hosts musician, pets

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., will be hosting separate events for music and animal fans.

On June 24 at 10:30 a.m., local singer Jennifer Bromann will feature an in-

teractive musical program. It will include animal songs and nursery rhymes for children of all ages.

On June 29, the REGAP (Retired Greyhounds as Pets) Society will present a program about greyhounds and

the not-for-profit adoption and rescue program dedicated to finding good, permanent homes for retired greyhounds at 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required for both events.

Vacation home may be tax relief

Vacation homes can provide relaxation-- as well as a tax break.

The Illinois CPA Society said that most people can fully deduct mortgage interest and property taxes on their vacation homes just as they can with a personal residence. Under current law, interest is deductible on the first million dollars in mort-

gage debt used to buy, construct or improve a principal residence and second home.

If you own more than one vacation home, it would be beneficial to designate as the second home the one with the largest total deductions for mortgage interest and real estate taxes. Property taxes may be deductible no matter how many homes you own.

If you rent a vacation home, you may be entitled to extra tax benefits, but the CPA society suggests that the rules are complex and may require the professional advice of a CPA.

For example, if you use your vacation property for personal use less than 14 days, the home qualifies as a rental property.

Just a small celebration for father's day



Pictured left to right Michel Rose watching Henry Oliver Dixon grab a piece of pizza, while great Grandma, Rose Stella smiles at the action. Lance Dixon continues to cut more pizza and spaghetti for Henry.

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Park Lawn raffle

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Second prize is \$3,000, third prize is \$2,000, fourth prize is \$1,000 and fifth prize is \$500.

The drawing will be held at the Grand Raffle Cocktail

Reception at Park Lawn, 10833 S. LaPorte.

Raffle tickets are \$100 and include entry into the reception, buffet, and refreshments. Winner does not need to be present.

Proceeds will benefit Park Lawn, a non-profit agency that provides supported employment, residential and adult development training services for people with developmental disabilities.

Reception tickets are \$15. For tickets, call Park Lawn at 708-425-6867.

Moraine helps displaced homemakers

Moraine Valley has received a \$64,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Labor to serve displaced homemakers in the Moraine Valley district. This is the third year Moraine Valley has received this grant from the Illinois Department of Labor.

A displaced homemaker is someone who has worked in the home for a substantial amount of years, providing unpaid services; is not gainfully employed, or has difficulty securing gainful employment; or was dependent on the income of another family member (usually a spouse) or public aid program, but is no longer supported by such income due to divorce, separation, being widowed or discontinuation of benefits.

The Displaced Homemaker program gives these individuals the support necessary to strike a balance between work and school to move toward economic self-sufficiency.

Moraine Valley also plays significant roles in personal development, child care, housing, personal and family health, domestic violence services, financial aid and transportation assistance by either offering these types of services or connecting the displaced homemaker directly to outside providers of these services.

The program also provides opportunities for academic and vocational advancement through the college's affiliation with the Illinois Employment Training Center/Workforce Investment Act system.

For more information, call Josh Reinhart at (708) 974-5742.

Palos farmer's markets to be held

The Palos Park Woman's Club will be hosting a farmer's market every Friday throughout the summer.

The farmer's markets will be held beginning June 28 until October 11.

The markets will be held in the parking lot of the Palos

Park Presbyterian Church, 12312 S. 88th Ave. and will be open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For sale at the market will be fruits, vegetables, cheeses, jellies, breads, bakery goods, and plants among other items.

Special recreation trips planned

The Southwest Special Recreation Association is currently accepting registration for its summer trips and special events.

SWSRA is an agency that provides year-round recreation programs for people ages 3 and up with both cognitive and/or physical disabilities. Residents in Alsip, Blue Island, Justice, Merrionette Park, Midlothian, Palos Heights,

Posen, Summit and the surrounding communities are eligible.

A trip to the Summerfest Parade is scheduled for June 23. The group will march down Pulaski through the Annual Alsip Summerfest Parade. A trip to The Taste of Chicago is scheduled for June 29.

Call SWSRA for more information or to register at 708-389-9423.

★ ★ Military News ★ ★

Air Force airman Joseph a. Miller has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony Marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

He is the son of Debra Miller of Chicago and a 1999 graduate of Hubbard high

school in Chicago.

★★★ Susan M. Stillwell has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion

of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty. The recruit also qualifies for a \$7,000 enlistment bonus.

Stillwell, a 2000 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, will report to Ft. Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo. For basic training.

She is the daughter of Donna Campbell of Oak Lawn and Scott Stillwell of Oscebello, Il.



Pictured left to right is Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb, Executive Director of Oak Lawn Senior Center, Rochelle Hatton; Frank Czaja, Sr. recipient; Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan.

Sheriff recognizes senior volunteers

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan presents Oak Lawn resident Frank Czaja with a medal at the tenth annual Sheriff's Medal of Honor Ceremony. The awards were presented to more than 90 senior citizens from throughout Cook County in recognition of their volunteer efforts and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others within their communities. Also pictured is Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb.

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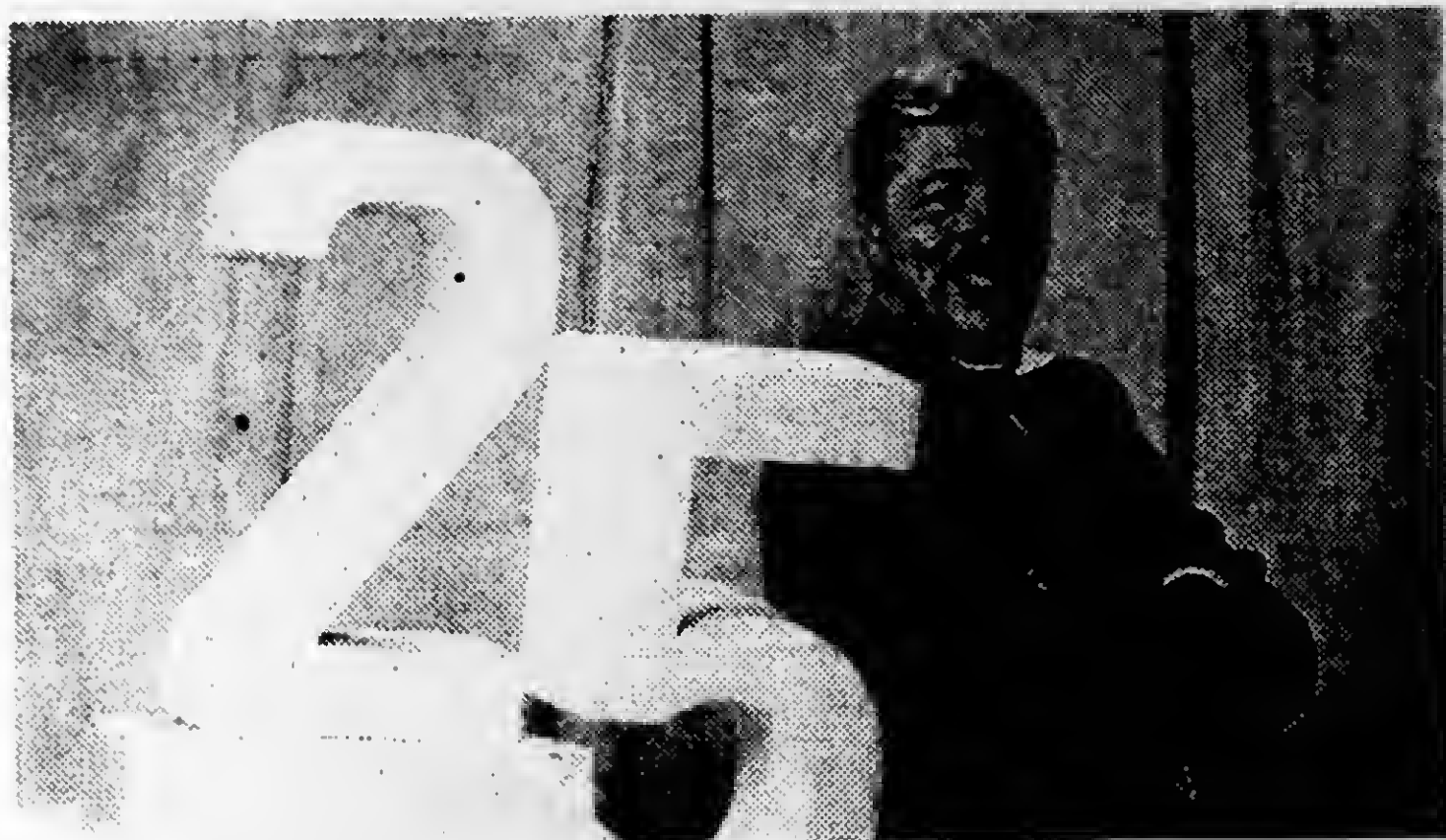
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Brady celebrates 25 years of laughs

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Brady is a comedian, host, and founder of "Bill Brady's Comedy Capers Show."

The show has been at Senese's since 1977.

Brady has worked with many of today's nationally-known comedians when they

were "unknowns," including Drew Carey, Judy Tenuta, John Campenore, and Arsenio Hall.

Locally, Brady has been seen at Chicago Fest at Navy Pier, Easter Seals, M.D.A. and numerous benefits and corporate shows.

The Barrel of Laughs at Senese's is a room in which audience members discover they too may be part of the

show. Brady's "Comedy Capers" show is family-friendly.

His performances at Senese's will be on June 23 at 7 p.m. and June 25 at 8 p.m. A "Comedy Roast" of Brady, performed by his peers, is scheduled for June 26 at 8 p.m.

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The ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs, offers a 6,000-square-foot dance floor and four eight-foot video screens playing the latest country western music videos.

Willowbrook Ballroom also offers a \$55 country western monthly pass, good for admission to an entire month of country western Monday and Tuesday night lessons and Friday night "Boppin' at the Brook" parties.

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Americans, with their love for new technology, have embraced these innovations at every level. Parents are networking homes to share Web connections among family members. Students file book reports and get tests online. Each day brings increasingly sophisticated options in home electronics, audio and video entertainment, security systems and more. Communications wiring brings it all together, and making the connection in this brave new world has never been easier.

That's the good news. The downside is that most homes still lack the proper wiring that allows them to take full advantage of these and other new technologies. And it's not just future technology that's "on the line." The high-tech electronic equipment

most of us already have in our homes also requires updated wiring - right now.

Think of communications wiring as a pipeline. If you want more capacity, you need a pipe with greater diameter. Fortunately, the wiring that can handle our communications needs, now and in the foreseeable future, is available today at modest cost. It's called Category wiring. Recognizing the need to upgrade our data-carrying capacity, the FCC recently boosted the wiring standard for all new or retrofit home and business communications installations. The new minimum standard, Category 3, has already been surpassed by even-better-performing Category 5 and 5e (for enhanced) wiring. For homes and home offices, Category 5e is recommended.

Category wiring contains four pairs of tightly twisted, high quality copper wires, installed in a 'star' or 'home run' pattern, that can handle multiple phone lines and support high-speed digital communications.

Sometimes mated with

new, improved quad-shield RG6 coaxial cable for video signals, this "structured wiring" package is a potent carrier for a home's electronic needs, from digital feature-phones to home computer networks to signal-level audio.

Improved function, service and reliability fare primary, but there are other reasons for upgrading a home's communications wiring now. Real estate professionals know that it can increase a home's resale value. The cost of the wiring itself is minimal, and if you need to add phone lines, computer workstations or even a home-security camera in the future, structured wiring makes it easier and less expensive. And with the availability of new installation tools and techniques, there are few obstacles to retrofitting structured wiring in almost any home, regardless of age.

For more information, visit the Web site for the Copper Development Association at

<http://telecom.copper.org>.



Palos Heights man receives scholarship

William Honia, of Palos Heights, shown with Moraine Valley Board of Trustees Secretary John J. Daley (left) and college president Vernon O. Crawley is the recipient of one of the college's Faculty Association Scholarship.

Church Holds Fest

The First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn is hosting a carnival June 20 to June 23. The carnival will be open from 5 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 2 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Thursday is dollar night. Saturday has unlimited rides from 2 to 6 p.m. for \$15.

Mega passes are available in advance for \$40 and after the carnival opens for \$45. The mega passes are good Thursday through Sunday on all rides.

The church is located at 100th Street and Central Ave. For more information, call 708-423-1170.

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Alumni awarded at Richards

Two alums were recognized at Richards High School's 2002 commencement ceremony on June 3.

Don Pratl, Jr., a vice president for Carr Futures, Inc., and Jeff Craig, an assistant principal at Richards, were recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Pratl is a member of the Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees.

He was a floor member of both the Chicago Board of Trade and Chicago Board Options Exchange. He currently serves on the Membership, Facilities, and Arbitration Committee of the Chicago Board Options Exchange.

Pratl has served on the Chicago Ridge Planning and

to earn a master's degree in political studies from Governors State University.

At Governors State, he earned the Alumni Academic Award for Superior Academic Achievement.

Pratl also completed the University of Illinois' specialized course in municipal government, Leadership Enhancement and Development. Pratl has been chosen as an adjunct instructor for the 2002 LEAD session.

While attending Richards, he participated in cross country, track and debate.

Pratl is the oldest of six siblings to graduate from Richards. Currently, he has nieces and nephews attending Richards.

Craig is the assistant prin-



High School in Palos Heights, an industrial technology teacher at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, and a math and physical education teacher at Ottumwa High School in Ottumwa, Iowa.

He will soon complete his doctorate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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Zoning Board for 10 years. For two years, he was the board chairman. He also served on the Chicago Ridge Public Library Board for two years. He is a former member of the Democratic Political Action Committee and the Chicago Ridge Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Currently, Pratl is on the Parish Finance Committee at Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church and is a member of the men's club.

Pratl's academic background includes a bachelor's degree in political science from Lewis University.

At Lewis, Pratl was a student trustee on the Board of Directors and president of the student legislature.

From Lewis, he went on

principal for student activities at Richards.

Craig graduated from Richards in 1978. As a student, he distinguished himself as a wrestler. The wrestling team won Illinois High School Association state championships twice while Craig was a student. The teams finished second one year and third another.

He received a wrestling scholarship to Northern Illinois. Craig received a bachelor's degree in education for industry and technology from Northern.

He completed a master's degree program in Administration and Supervision at Loyola University Chicago.

Previously, Craig was the dean of students at Shepard

Br. Rice to host

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski, will host boys football camps this summer.

For boys in grades 5-8, camp will be held June 17-21. For incoming Br. Rice freshmen, camp will be held June 17-27.

Members of the Br. Rice coaching staff will instruct participants in football fundamentals and techniques during camp.

The cost of the camp is \$55. For more information, contact Steve Nye at 773-779-3410.



Half million pledge to Little Company of Mary Hospital

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary members celebrated the completion of their \$500,000 pledge to a campaign to reshape the hospital's outpatient services and to establish The Cancer Center at the hospital.

On May 15, at the Auxiliary's annual "Think and Thank You" mass and dinner, members celebrated the completion of the "Our Work of Love" campaign.

The Auxiliary has contributed more than \$3.1 million for programs and services at

Getting the right cord for the job

Outdoors, electrical extension cords are part of the backyard landscape, powering everything from hedge trimmers to power saws to drink mixers, and even electric lawnmowers. Indoors, they're used for temporary power needs from basement to attic.

Because electrical tools and appliances have different power ratings, these rugged weather-resistant portable cords are designed to accommodate a variety of temporary power requirements. (Note that we're not talking about extension cords for strictly light-duty indoor use.) But not all extension cords are created equal. An improperly sized extension cord can cause a tool or appliance motor to burn out if allowed to run for too long. It can also cause a dangerous situation if it overheats.

How can you prevent this from happening? First, it helps to know how much electrical current (typically rated amperes, or amps) each electric tool requires (see chart). High powered tools like saws and mowers use considerably more amper-

age, so extension cords rated to handle greater electrical loads should be used with them. Tool and appliance manuals usually specify extension cord requirements for proper operation of the equipment. Amperage ratings are also marked on the equipment itself.

But how do you know how much of an electrical load your extension cord can handle? There are two factors: cord length and thickness. The thicker the copper wire, the more electricity it can carry. However because transmitted power diminishes over distance, longer extension cords require heavier wire to deliver the full current rating required by an appliance.

The thickness of the wire can be identified by the letters AWG followed by numbers (typically 12, 14 or 16) printed on the wire jacket. In this case, less is more - the lower the number, the thicker the wire.

Heavyweight AWG 12 would be used for the most demanding operations. Given the relatively low cost of extension cords, compared

to the expense of replacing a ruined tool or appliance, consumers are urged to check the numbers and buy up. You may have one application in mind when shopping for a cord, but end up using it for more demanding applications. The wire can never be too big, but it can be too small. Also, keep in mind that if you attach a multi-outlet device to an extension cord, allowing several tools to draw power at the same time, the current demand may exceed the amperage rating of the cord and create an unsafe condition.

To increase safety and prevent accidental shocks, some extension cords now feature inexpensive, built-in GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) receptacles - just like those that should be installed in your kitchen and bath. A GFCI immediately cut off all power when it detects any current imbalance on the line.

For more information on electrical and communications wiring applications, visit the Copper Development Association's Web site at www.copper.org.

Prescription assistance hotline

Illinois state legislators approved a prescription assistance information hotline for seniors, expanded the DNA database and extended the rate freeze for certain utility customers, according to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange).

The House gave final approval to legislation creating a comprehensive information line for seniors to find out all of the discount programs available. Nearly 52 percent of Illinois seniors are eligible for a State or federal prescription assistance program. Many of the other seniors are covered under private plans. But there are thousands of middle income seniors who have no prescription coverage plans at all. The legislation also calls for a study of these seniors and seniors who have to set aside a significant portion of their income for their prescription medication.

Senate Bill 2098 will create a Senior Health Assistance Program offering a toll-free information hotline in conjunction with local agencies on aging where consumers can get information on public and private dis-

count programs.

It will also establish oversight of the State's prescription assistance programs. It will mandate a study to determine the need for catastrophic pharmaceutical assistance coverage for seniors who do not qualify for public pharmaceutical plans but who have high prescription costs. The bill now moves to the Governor's desk.

Also, the Legislature sent the Governor a bill to provide law enforcement officers with a tool to track down criminals and exonerate others by expanding the DNA database.

The legislation was an initiative of DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett. It requires all convicted felons to give a DNA sample for criminal identification purposes. It is on the Governor's desk for consideration.

Other measures sent for consideration are Child Unpires, which would allow 12- and 13- year olds to umpire little league games; and Domestic Violence, which would strengthen recidivist penalties for domestic violence and stalking violators.

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Military News

Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Spratt has arrived for duty at the Vilseck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany. Spratt is a field artillery crewmember assigned to the 7th Army NCO Academy.

He graduated in 1986 from Kennedy High School, Chicago. He received an associate degree in 2000 from Vincennes University, Ind.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Joseph P. Beagle, son of Sandra and Larry P. Beagle of 11011 S. Millard Ave., Chicago, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Beagle was one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS John C Stennis carrier battle group and USS Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready group who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Marines from Beagle's unit conducted offensive raids against Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces in Afghanistan. Their participation in this operation added USS Bonhomme Richard to the distinguished list of U.S. Navy warships that have launched combat sorties.

Beagle's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Beagle's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Beagle is a 1998 graduate of Marist High School in Chicago and joined the Marine Corps in June 1998.

For more news and information concerning the deployment visit the 13th MEU website at <http://www.13meu.usmc.mil>.

Speaker at St. Fabian's

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group is hosting speaker Pat McEnerney on June 27. She will speak on "Successful Struggles, Daily Struggles Turned into Successes."

Doors will open at 7 p.m.

and the meeting will start at 8 p.m. It will be held into the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview.

Contact Deacon Ken at 708-458-8923 or Tom and Marianne at 708-499-5377.

Picnic to be held at Wolfe Wildlife

The Oak Lawn chapter of Aglow International will meet for a "Fun in the Park" picnic on Saturday, June 22 at Wolfe Wildlife Center, 109th and Laramie, in Oak Lawn.

There is no charge but there will be a free will offering. The menu is dependent on food donations brought.

For the third annual picnic, members of New Creation will minister in song and balloon animals and other entertainment will be present.

An open mike session will

be available and guests are encouraged to bring poetry, music or testimonies of inspiration to share.

Children will receive a gift and will be able to have their faces painted. Adults can participate in a raffle and there will be items for sale.

Aglow International is an interdenominational organization of renewed Christian women.

The picnic will begin at noon and end at 3. For more information, contact Linda at 708-425-6957 or Gladys at 773-582-1517.

Health screenings offered at Rest Haven Central

Rest Haven Central, 13259 S. Central Ave., will provide residents an opportunity to test their heart health.

Life Line Screening will offer health screenings to assess the risk of stroke and vascular disease. The screenings include carotid artery screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm screening and an ankle brachial index. Also offered is a bone density screening for women to assess their risk of Osteoporosis.

The tests are fast, painless and low-cost. They are conducted by registered or registry-eligible ultrasound technologists. A board certified physician will review the test

results to ensure accuracy of the results before they are mailed to the patient.

Also available at the screenings is free information on the identification and control of risk factors for stroke, vascular diseases, abdominal aortic aneurysms and osteoporosis.

Each screening is \$40 while the osteoporosis screening is \$35. The three vascular tests can be bought in a \$125 package.

Patients whose screenings suggest further evaluation will be encouraged to see his or her physician.

For more information, contact Life Line Screening at 1-800-407-4557.

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When the ladies of Chinquapin, Louisiana gather at Truvy's Beauty Salon, hair isn't the only thing that gets teased, fixed and arranged. The wise-cracking Truvy, with the help of her new "glamour technician" Annelle, dispenses shampoo

with liberal doses of free advice and gossip to the town's curmudgeon, Ouiser; and eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee; and the social worker M'Lynn, whose daughter Shelby is on the verge of marriage. Lives are changed, secrets revealed, and throughout all the gossip and wisecracks, a strong bond of caring and love is created in this hilarious and touching comedy.

Directed by Ed Flesch, *Steel Magnolias* features an outstanding cast selected from The Fireside's New York auditions: Anne-Marie Cusson (Truvy), Carrie Anne Kaye (Annelle), Eve Johnson

(Clairee), Kate Konigisor (M'Lynn), Sylvia Norman (Ouiser), and Amanda Reed (Shelby).

The Fireside is located on Business Highway 26 on the south side of Ft. Atkinson and includes several gift shops with an extensive selection of unique merchandise.

Steel Magnolias will be performed nine times weekly Wednesday-Sunday. Dining is required for all performances and a variety of menu options are available.

For tickets call 1-800-477-9505 or log on to www.firesidetheatre.com.

Billy Joel musical comes to the Shubert Theatre

"MOVIN' OUT", a new musical conceived, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp and based on 24 classic songs by Billy Joel, will play a six-week, world premiere, pre-Broadway engagement at Broadway in Chicago's Shubert Theatre June 25-August 4.

"MOVIN' OUT" is the story of six lifelong friends, told over 2 turbulent decades.

This new musical takes us back to a time we all remember-to the days when almost anything could happen, and the nights when almost anything did.

The 27-member cast stars Keith Roberts, Elizabeth Parkinson, John Selya, Ashley Tuttle, Scott Wise, Benjamin Bowman and Michael Cavanaugh.

The show will open on

Broadway at the Richard Rodgers Theatre, 226 W. 46th Street, on Thursday, October 24, 2002.

Twyla Tharp graduated from Barnard College in 1963 and has since created more than 125 dances, choreographed five Hollywood movies and received two Emmy awards. She began to assemble a group of dancers in 1965 that became Twyla

Tharp Dance, which later merged with American Ballet Theatre. She has worked with some of the most famous dance companies and film directors in the world.

Billy Joel discovered his love for music at age 4, which stays with him to this day. He signed with Columbia Records in 1973 and released his first Top 20 single, "Piano Man", later that

year. In 1992, he was inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame. He has had a staggering 33 Top 40 hits during his career and has received some 23 Grammy nominations-the most recent being this year's nod for his duet with Tony Bennett on "New York State of Mind", which Joel brought new emotion to post-9/11.

"Movin' Out" will play at

The Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe St., from June 25-August 4. Tickets range in price from \$42-\$77.50 and are available by calling the Broadway In Chicago Ticketline at (312) 902-1400, and at all Ticketmaster locations (including Carson Pirie Scott stores, Tower Records, Hot Tix, and select Coconuts, Record Town and Camelot locations).

Gallagher sings Manilow

Acclaimed pop vocalist Dave Gallagher will be performing in concert at Chicago's Thorne Auditorium, 375 East Chicago Ave., on Friday, July 26 at 8 p.m.

In the concert, "Beautiful Music: The Songs of Barry Manilow," Gallagher will be performing many hit songs from Manilow's 30 year musical career.

Gallagher is a Chicago

native and has been praised by New York's Cabaret Hotline for his "expressive and soulful musical style."

Tim Tobias will be accompanying Gallagher as his musical director. Tobias has worked on both live shows and recordings with Sammy Davis Jr., Curtis Mayfield, Ramsey Lewis and Barry Manilow. Also accompanying Gallagher will be a bass

player, drummer, guitarist and three backup singers who have performed with musical icons such as Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan, George Michael, Janet Jackson, and Mary J. Blige.

Tickets are \$20 and available by calling toll free 1-866-468-3401, or 773-918-6368. Tickets are also available on the web at www.ticketweb.com

Passports available at clerk's satellite office on Cicero

Those with summer travel plans are reminded by the City of Chicago that passport applications are being accepted at City Clerk Laski's City Hall location as well as the Satellite Office, 5301 S. Cicero Ave.

Applicants must submit two identical passport-specific photographs taken during the last six months, documentation and proof of citizenship and identity. Forms of proof must include an original or certified birth certificate, naturalization papers or expired passport. The forms will be returned with the new passport.

Also, a valid driver's license or state identification card must be presented at the time of application for identification purposes.

The application process takes five weeks. An adult passport is \$60, while passports for persons under 16 is \$40. Both parents must be present for children under 13, but the child does not need to be present at the time of application.

Expedited applications can be processed in two weeks at a higher rate. Adult applications cost \$95 and child applications cost \$75.

At both locations, Chicago residents are able to purchase their passport-specific

photographs while applying for or renewing a U.S. Passport. There is a \$15 fee for the photographs.

All applications include a \$15 fee to the City Clerk.

Applicants must pay with a check or money-order for the U.S. Passport Service Fee. Cash or check is acceptable for the Office of the City Clerk service and photograph fees.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (312) 744-2020.

Mattison stars in "Alex in Wonder"

Jenna Mattison stars as Summer in Drew Ann Rosenberg's film, "Alex in Wonder."

The film also stars Danny Masterson ("That 70's Show") and Soleil Moon Frye ("Sabrina").


"Alex in Wonder" is a coming of age story set in the 1970s.

Mattison started her acting career in Chicago's leg-

endary Steppenwolf Theatre. After her theatre training, she moved west to Los Angeles and quickly landed film and TV roles. Mattison has guest starred in such TV shows as "Party of Five," "Fighting Fitzgerald," and "Melrose Place."

In her spare time, Mattison sings, writes songs and is working on her novel, "Diary of a Mad Single Girl."

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Budget benefits for mentally ill

State Representative Jim Brosnahan (D- Evergreen Park) voted to support a budget that would help restore grants to programs benefiting the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled. Funding for the programs would remain at the same levels as last fiscal year.

"There are certain programs that you cannot deny adequate resources," said Brosnahan. "By restoring grants to these providers, we are keeping a safety net for

our most vulnerable citizens."

The revised budget maintains the present level of mental health funding by restoring grants for Medicaid, psychological services and psychotropic medications. It will also benefit the developmentally disabled community by continuing the Purchase of Care and Family Assistance programs. The restored budget allocates \$8.9 million for emergency mental health services, \$8.0

million for developmentally disabled providers to help with the transition to a fee-for-services plan and \$29 million for a two percent Cost of Living Adjustment for developmentally disabled and mental health workers.

"With the approval of the Governor, we will see the continuation of all vital programs," Brosnahan said.

The budget will return to the Senate for their consideration. If approved, it will be sent to the Governor.

Bank executive retires from Village Pantry of Evergreen

Fifth and Third Bank of Evergreen Park executive Denise Napp retired from Village Pantry of Evergreen Park after serving 9 years as treasurer of the food pantry which serves needy families in the village.

Napp served as the liaison to the business community. Village Pantry is a coalition of churches, local government, schools, community groups, businesses, and private individuals to provide

food for the needy.

Since 1983 it has supplied food to over 1000 families and nearly \$500,000 of food and gift certificates. The food comes from school food drives, the Greater Chicagoland Food Depository, community groups and donations from businesses and individuals to purchase food at the local food stores.

"No one should be hungry in this country in an age when there is so much food that we

pay farmers not to grow crops," Village Pantry President George O'Grady said.

"Denise Napp has served the community well while being in charge of the Evergreen Park bank and is retiring to serve the needs of her growing family. The bank has supported Village Pantry since it was founded. The Whole community is working to help people over some rough times. It is a good sign of community spirit."

Children's art festival celebrates Independence Day

The Oak Lawn Park District has announced a new creative event, the Children's Clothesline Art Festival. The event is open to kids ages six to 12. Participants design a poster using crayons, markers, paints or other media on an entry form, and submit the poster to the park district by Friday, June 28.

The contest's theme this year is "Park Fun & Freedom"

All entries will be displayed at Memorial Park,

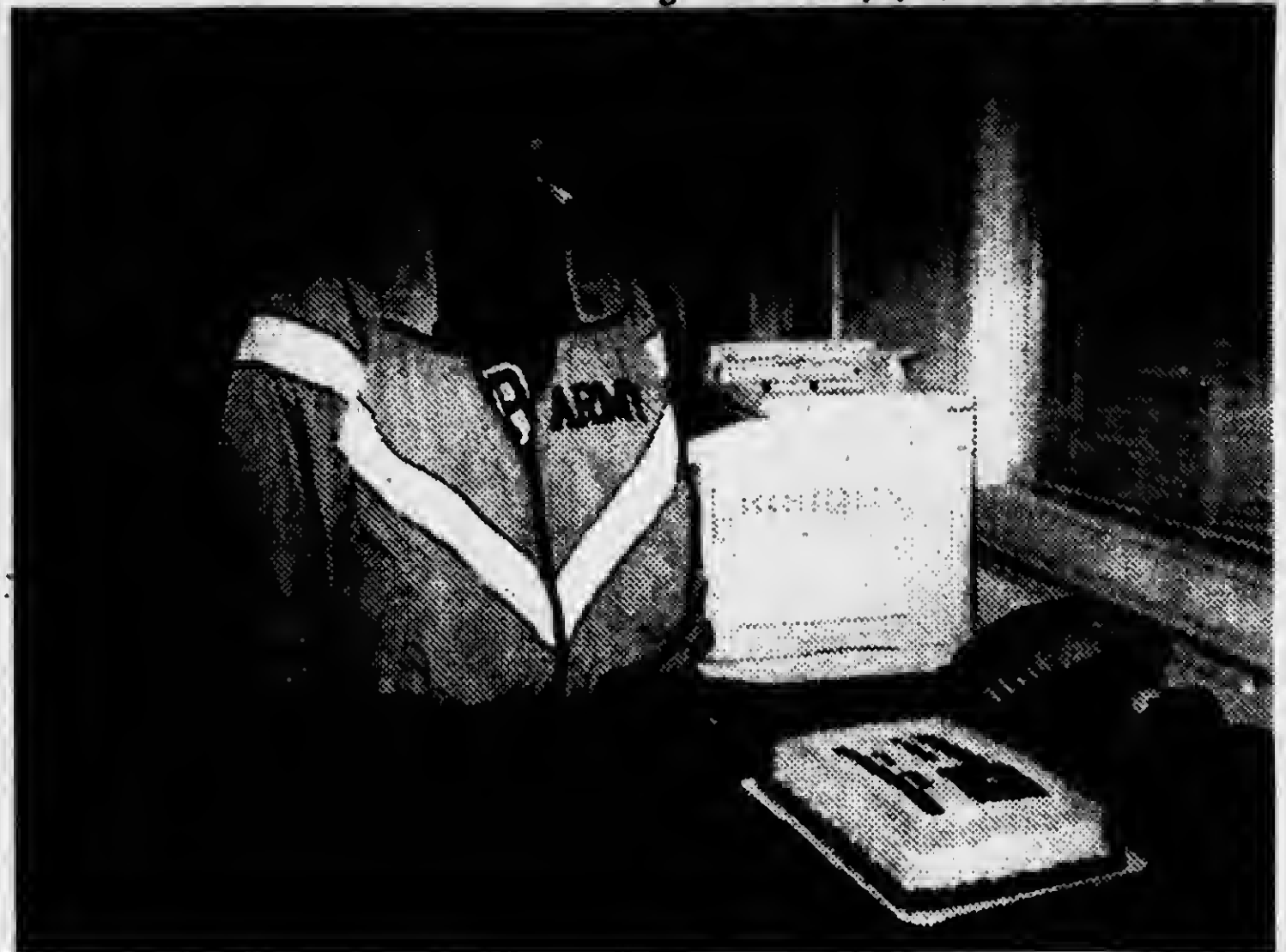
102nd and Major Ave., during the park district's Star Spangled Fourth of July event on July 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. First-, second- and third-place winners will be selected in the following age groups: six and seven, eight to 10, and 11 and 12.

Winning posters will be displayed at park-district facilities throughout the summer and the artists will receive park-district-related

prizes.

"We are excited to bring a new, artistic element to our annual Independence Day celebration," said Julie Ryan, the park district superintendent of recreation. "We hope children take this opportunity to be creative during their summer break."

Entry forms are available at any Oak Lawn Park District facility. To request one, call 708-857-2225 or e-mail info@olparks.com.



Pictured M.M. Morgan, Community Based Recruiter, U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Oak Lawn Ms. Morgan took a few minutes to show this reporter a cake for the celebration on June 14th. The cake was decorated with U.S. Army 227 years 1775-2002 On Duty for America's Freedom.

U.S. Army celebrates 227th year of serving, protecting America

The U.S. Army has been protecting and serving this great country for over 227 years and on June 14th, soldiers celebrated the Army's birthday with cake cutting ceremonies throughout Illinois.

CPR classes to be held at St. Xavier

Summer provides most people a time to relax, for students, a break from studying, and for others, a chance to learn how to save a life.

St. Xavier University's Nursing Center is offering CPR classes taught by certified American Heart Association instructors.

"CPR on Child" classes are offered Monday or Wednesday: 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., and Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. "CPR on Adult" classes are offered Fridays: 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

The two-hour sessions are only \$1 and continue through Aug. 17. To sign up or for further information about CPR classes at St. Xavier, call 773-298-3710.

In an emergency situation, CPR treats cardiac and respiratory arrest and can keep a person alive until more ad-

vanced procedures can be performed. Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in adults.

Of all cardiac arrests, 75 percent happen in homes. CPR doubles a person's chances of survival.

The Nursing Center also administers school, camp, and athletic physicals as well as monthly immunizations, KID ID programs, and early childhood screenings.

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The facts about asthma

Asthma is one of the most common illnesses in the United States, affecting both children and adults. With more than 15 million Americans already suffering from the disease, the incidence of asthma is on the rise as more and more Americans are diagnosed with it. There is, however, good news on the asthma front.

New clinical trials investigating new treatments are starting soon.

Asthma usually occurs when a patient is exposed to a "provoker", such as cold air or allergens (e.g., such as dust or mold), that causes inflammation of tissues, the accumulation of mucus and the

tightening of muscles in the patient's airways. This leads to symptoms that are characteristic of an asthma attack - shortness of breath, coughing, tightening of the chest and wheezing.

To help patients manage this chronic disease, doctors prescribe treatments that provide both immediate and long-term relief. Medications such as steroids or bronchodilators reduce swelling and mucus production and rapidly open the airways to improve breathing.

While these therapies often do help in the management of asthma, there is ongoing clinical research for therapies that may improve

on current options. Protein Design Labs. (PDL), a biotechnology company based in Fremont, California, is studying the potential benefits of two unique drugs for patients who suffer from chronic, persistent asthma.

These new drugs are antibodies that target key immune functions believed to be involved in the asthma inflammatory process. Many doctors believe these types of therapies may represent the future of asthma treatment.

"Although current therapy for asthma is effective, there is considerable interest in therapeutic approaches

that will target and prevent key events in the asthma

inflammatory process. This interest in modifying key events in the asthma inflammatory response makes the PDL products of considerable interest to physicians and patients," says Dr. William Busse of the University of Wisconsin Medical School and an investigator in the trials. Both studies are being conducted in up to 20 research centers throughout the United States and are currently enrolling chronic, persistent asthma patients. For further information on the trials, people are

encouraged to call 1-800-772-0482.



Richards senior receives scholarship

Elizabeth Scheibel, an Oak Lawn resident, was awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship from the Abby Foundation.

Scheibel will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall and plans to major in finance.

She recently graduated in the top 15 students from Richards High School in Oak Lawn. Scheibel was recognized as an Illinois State Scholar, and graduated from Richards with High Honors. She had a grade point average above 4.5 on a 4.0 scale.

She was a member of National Honor Society and named in the 2002 edition of

Who's Who Among American High School Students.

At Richards, Scheibel was also a member of student council, Leo Club, French Club, Presidents Council, and Mathletes.

Named for First Lady Abigail Adams, the Abby Foundation annually awards college scholarships to female high school seniors who meet eligibility requirements of academic merit (minimum grade point average is 3.0/4.0), economic need, and community involvement.

On average, the foundation awards \$28,000 in college scholarships to graduating seniors in the south suburbs each year.

10 Minutes that could save your life

On Tuesday, July 2nd, Rest Haven Central (located at 13259 S. Central Avenue in Palos Heights) will offer residents the opportunity to spend a few minutes doing something that could save their lives.

"Life Line Screening" will offer health screenings to assess the risk of stroke and vascular diseases. These screenings include a carotid

artery screening. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening and an ankle Brachial Index (ABI). Also offered for women will be a Bone Density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

These fast, painless and low cost tests use ultra sound technology and are conducted by registered or registry-eligible Ultrasound Technologists. A board cer-

tified physician reviews the results of each test to ensure the accuracy of the results before they are mailed to the individual. An individual whose screening suggests further evaluation is encouraged to seek appropriate follow-up care with his/her own physician.

If you are interested in registering for any of these screenings, please call 1-800-

407-4557 to schedule an appointment. Each screening requires ten minutes or less to complete, and the cost is \$40.00 (Osteoporosis Screening, \$35). A package of all three vascular screenings is \$125.00. A savings of \$30.00. Ask your Life Line Screening representative for details when registering.

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Morgan Park Academy news

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MPA fifth grade class took a field trip to Mr. Ayer's (MPA Class of '36) farm in

the Central Illinois town of Bement. Mr. Ayer's is an Agriculturalist from the University of Illinois in Champaign. During this visit Mr. Ayers taught the students about soil conservation practices, biotechnology and engineering technologies used in modern farming. The students got to climb on the modern farm equipment, including a \$100,000 combine, complete with stereo and air conditioning, which allows one person to plant and/or harvest over 1,000 acres of land in 5-10 days, depending on the weather. The students also visited a grain elevator and the historic Bryant Cottage where Stephen Douglas

stayed while he prepared for the Lincoln/Douglas Debate in 1858.

MPA students Amanda Barman, of Chicago, Omar Raddawi of Oak Brook, Bridget Costin, of Palos Heights and Christopher Rodarte, of Beverly, have been awarded the National I Dare You Leadership Award in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living and potential for leadership. David Hibbs, Upper School principal, presented the honor, at MPA's award ceremony held on May 21st. The I Dare You Leadership Award is presented each year by the American youth Foundation (AYF) in cooperation

with principals, counselors, county 4-H agents church groups and other participants across the country. The award was first offered in 1941 by the late William H. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis, who challenged young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service.

Morgan Park Academy's Middle School Boys baseball team continued its winning way on Monday, May 20th, beating a very good St. Clemens team 9-3. Peter Radakovich, of Beverly, pitched the first 3 innings. Pete struck out five, and

walked only one and allowed only 3 runs. Alex Ingram, of Morgan Park, pitched the last 3 innings. He struck out 5, walked 0 and allowed no runs. Offensively, for MPA, every player reached base at least once and six players scored at least once.

Both Morgan Park Academy's Middle School boy's baseball teams were victorious on Tuesday, May 21, versus Latin. The A team fought back after being down 6-0 to win 12-10. The B team game was close all the way until the last inning when they took the lead for good. The final score was 13-8. Both teams finish the season on Thursday, at home.

Morgan Park Academy's Middle School Girls softball season ended short but sweet with a 3-1 record. New-comer Courtney Chigaro, of Chicago, proved to be an outstanding pitcher and helped keep the team together, both on the mound and with her leadership. Captain Sara Eck, of Palos Park, helped to nurture and encourage the rookies and played great defense at 1st base, finishing the season without an error.

MPA Academy day 2002 is set for Friday, May 31. Mark your calendar and join us for a "Carnival" of fun.



According to Joe Riccardo and his brother Jerry and cousin Laurie Gliemie, who started meeting with many of their friend, all men, actively sought out more classmates both men and women to join in for lunch and friendships.

Some of the names are unidentified but this person will try hard to remember. Top left is Pete, Peter Lenz, Marv, Ray Lenz, Marie Brannan Schultz, Betty

Brehm, Betty Brannon Miller, Bob Miller, Pete, Jerry Miller, Jerry Riccardo, Joe Riccardo, RoseMarie Lenz Thauer, Pat Lenz.

Covington School holds Peace and non violence day

Grammar school friends continue to meet

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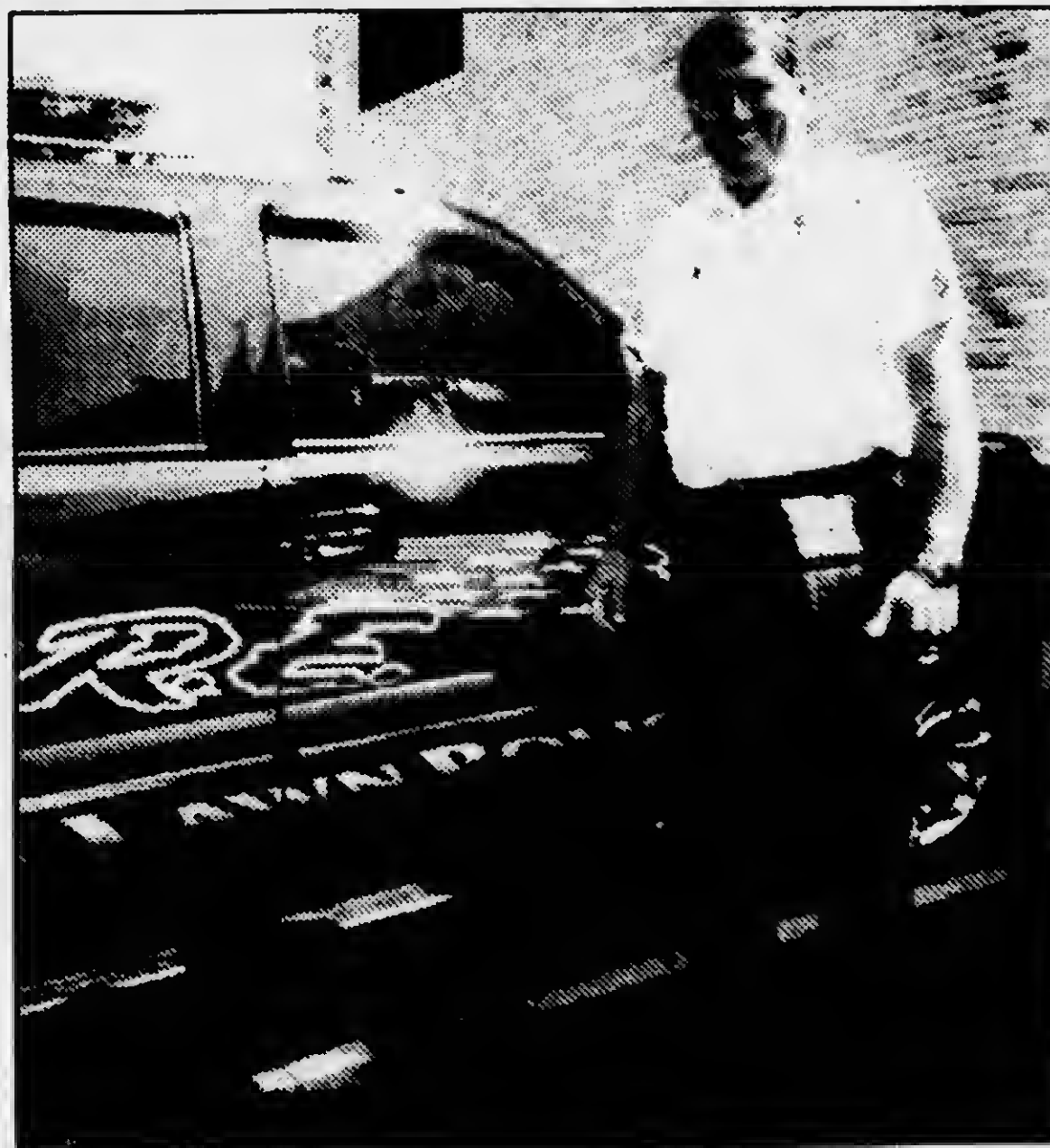
ONCE IN A WHILE A PERSON HEARS FROM ONE ANOTHER THAT THE MEETING TAKES PLACE AT HACKNEY'S 123RD AND LAGRANGE AND POPS IN AT NOON TO HAVE LUNCH WITH US.

THERE IS NO COMMITMENT SO THERE ARE NEVER THE SAME 50 PEOPLE THERE EACH MONTH. WE ALSO HAVE NEW PEOPLE OCCASIONALLY.

STOP IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW MUCH FUN YOU WILL HAVE REMINISCING.



The band teacher gives the cue for all to start the opening song for the assembly of students at Covington School Peace and Non Violence day.



Sgt. Foster gets ready for Covington students

Sgt. Robert Foster gets ready to introduce the Dare program to the students at Covington School recently for their Peace and Non-Violence Assembly day. Sgt. Foster admits the Edge program and Dare programs are quite successful in the Oak Lawn schools.



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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dear Lord,

It has been an ongoing, frightening experience since America woke up to the horror of September 11th, and the reality that terrorists have declared war on freedom.

One day we're going about the mundane tasks of daily life - wondering what we'll make for dinner and whose turn it is to help the kids with their homework - and the next we're forced to come to terms with the fact that life, as we know it, won't ever again be the same.

In our little corner of the world there used to be a sense of security in feeling that the vastness of an ocean separated us from our enemies. Now we know, all too painfully well, the enemy lives among us.

It's not easy, Lord, trying to cope with news reports of homicide bombers, willing to blow themselves up with the sole purpose of maliciously murdering innocent people.

America is under siege and with each new threat that's made public, we can't help but to cautiously wait for the other shoe to drop.

This war on terror is far from over. These days and weeks ahead will surely test our patience as we deal with fanatical regimes bent on heaping mass destruction on freedom loving people.

It sometimes takes a catastrophe to open our eyes to what is really important in life.

In all your goodness Lord, continue to be the foundation by which we build all hope. Help us to focus our sights on family for, when all is said and done, they are our most valuable possessions.

Our country may have been shattered that fateful day in September, but it didn't fall apart.

The heroic deeds, the endless kindness shared by total strangers and the courage displayed under fire, all empowered us with the gift of your grace to carry on. And, carry on we will.

Everytime I see a young mom cradle her infant baby in her arms or hear the boisterous laughter of little boys as they gather on the corner to play a game of baseball, I am reminded of the goodness created by your unending love for us.

I pray with sincerity that you will continue to bless this great nation of ours, as we struggle to defend our right to be free.

Through the power of prayer guide us to victory, and if our faith should happen to falter along the way, renew the hope in our hearts that justice will prevail.

We thank you for the precious gift of life and we pray that someday soon the gift of peace will enable us to live our lives in harmony.

Our flags are still blowing freely in the warmth of summer breezes.

Through your divine intervention may freedom continue to ring loud and clear, as we sing a glorious song of survival — God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home!

Radisson Hotel expansion celebrated at grand opening

The Radisson Hotel celebrated the grand opening of its \$3 million expansion with a party in the new Grand Ballroom on May 12.

In attendance at the hotel, 5000 W. 127th Str., were business clients, government officials, tourism executives and community group leaders.

The six-month project doubles the hotel's space for meetings, training sessions, weddings and banquets. According to General Manager Kevin Morrey, "We responded to the demand in our market place. We have had to turn away business in the past year but not any more. We're so pleased it is completed and now we're ready for all types of client function. We have really upgraded the space and it looks beautiful," he said.

The 11,250 sq. ft. expansion

gave the Radisson a total of almost 20,000 sq. ft. of remodeled and new space.

"Flexibility is the key to this expansion," Morrey said. "We've added three large sections to our ballroom, expanded three other rooms and totally remodeled our current three function rooms. We now have a total of nine rooms to combine into a variety of configurations for clients," he said.

If needed, clients can utilize the entire ballroom space that measures over 46 ft. wide by 161 ft. long.

"We are now able to serve more companies and groups with state-of-the-art facilities," Morrey said.

The Radisson also renovated three other meeting rooms and a modern executive boardroom. Also included in the expansion is a

new entrance to the function area, a completely new facade to the front of the hotel, a large coatroom, increased pre-function and public space as well as remodeled restrooms.

The hotel has 193 deluxe guestrooms featuring an over-sized work desk with two-line speaker phones, data ports and voice mail. Guest room amenities include coffee makers, hairdryer, iron and ironing board, and a Nintendo entertainment system.

For recreation and exercise, the Radisson has a large heated indoor swimming pool, fully equipped fitness center and a game room.

For more information, call the Radisson Hotel in Alsip at 708-371-7300 or visit online at www.radisson.com/alsipil.

Building a roof? Try copper

When it comes to homebuilding design "tradition" and "innovation" often exist at opposite ends of the architectural spectrum. Finding a balance can be a struggle, but tucked into a steep, wooded hillside lot in one Atlanta suburb, a gently curving barrel-vault copper porch roof finds harmony somewhere between design history and novelty.

The copper roof, and the house it is attached to, were commissioned by This Old House magazine and designed by Jeremiah Ech Architects of Boston for the 2002 International Builders Show. The house showcases new products, materials, interior design trends and architectural innovations for the magazine readers and was on display for the estimated 7,000 homebuilding industry professionals in February.

Although the house incorporates many innovative and even imitation products in its construction - such as a recycled-rubber "slate" shingle for the main roof - the project was dubbed the Timeless House

by the magazine. "It's really all about making new construction feel familiar," says TOH Building Editor Alex Gant. "This house distills so many elements of older, classic homes."

One of these "Timeless" elements is the porch roof made up of solid copper sheets. Long regarded as a premier construction materials in homes as well as commercial and public buildings, copper lends an important touch of authenticity to the project, Gant explains, and serves as a counterpoint to the novel and imitative materials used elsewhere. "Our first choice for this roof was copper," she adds.

When installed in October 2001, the roof was a coppery-bright as a new kettle, but its shine soon faded, and eventually it will adopt a familiar blue-green color or "patina." Because of this weathering process, copper roofs are among the most durable, lasting 100 years or more.

"Copper has a fantastic patina all its life," according to the architect. "Bright when it's new, a very attractive brown as it begins to oxidize,

then 10 to 15 years out it gets that soft, lovely green color that you see on the Statue of Liberty and on many roofs."

Asked if he had considered maintaining the bright finish, or treating the copper to more quickly achieve an "aged" effect, Eck feels those options would have only increased the project's cost and would not have been worth the effort. While barrel-vault roofs are not yet common in home construction, he says, his firm has been asked to design others, and he expects to see more, with today's emphasis on complex rooflines.

With five bedrooms and baths, a home theater and a designated "party room," the 4,200-square-foot home is valued at \$935,000. The solid-copper roof, along with other copper products including plumbing pipes, rain gutters, chimney canopies and decorative accents throughout the interior and exterior of the home, were provided by the Copper Development Association,

What you should know about electricity

For most of us "Where do I plug it in?" is all we need - or want - to know about our household electrical system.

However, electricity is much in the news today, as homeowners are called on to understand deregulation, choose local service providers and ponder periodic energy crises. And, every so often, almost all of us have to call an electrician to fix a problem or upgrade our home's service.

So we all need to be better informed, at least in basic terms, about a commodity we too often take for granted. The following glossary can "empower" even the most electrically challenged of us and help us keep up with "current" events.

Alternative Current (AC): A more efficient method of transmitting electricity by rapidly alternating, or reversing, the power flow in a circuit. By alternative the current, power can be sent over longer distances at higher voltages with less energy loss than with direct current (DC).

Amperage: The amount or rate of flow of electric current measured in amperes (amps). Like water flows in a pipe, current flows through wiring circuits in greater or lesser amounts depending on the power needed.

Components of a home wiring system, such as circuit breakers, fuses, wall switches, outlets, etc., are rated according to the amperage capacity. The amperage of an appliance is measured by the number of amps it required to operate properly.

Circuit: A circular path traveled by an electric current, emanating from and returning to a single source.

In a home, each wiring circuit begins at the power source (usually a service panel), then, via the black wire, leads to outlets, switches, fixtures or plugged-in appliances before ultimately returning to the source, via the white wire.

Direct Current (DC): Electrical power that flows in only one direction. Batteries are examples of devices that produce direct current.

Frequency: The number of times that alternating current reverses polarity, or direction, usually expressed in hertz (cycles per second). In the USA most electricity is generated at 60 Hz (hertz).

Short Circuit: Typically, a "short" occurs when a current-carrying wire unintentionally contacts another conductive element - another electric wire, a metal object, or even your body. This can create a dangerous situation, as the diverted flow of electricity naturally seeks to return to its source, or to the ground, by any accessible conductive route.

Switch: A device that controls the flow of current in an electrical circuit. When a switch is open, the circuit is broken and the flow of current is cut off. Closing the switch completes the circuit and allows the current to flow.

Voltage: A measurement in volts (V) of the "pressure" of electric power. Virtually all homes connected to a utility power grid in this country distribute alternating current through 20- or 240-volt circuits.

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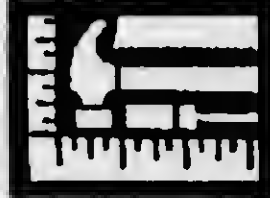
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Students selected for youth medical forum

Harold L. Richards High School students will attend the national Youth Leadership Forum on medicine hosted by the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Sophomores Amanda Burns of Chicago Ridge and Angela Gianakos of Oak Lawn are students of science teacher Jean Wehr.

Burns will attend the session from June 23 to July 2 and Gianakos will attend from July 7 to 16.

Aside from topical panel discussions and lectures, the event offers academically gifted high school students the opportunity to observe and experience the daily lives of physicians. Students shadow doctors as they do

their jobs as well as speak with patients to see the other side of medical care.

In addition, students will visit the UIC Medical Center and medical clinics.

The academic portion of the 10-day session features a host of small group discussions. Topics will include medical ethics, bio-terrorism and public health issues. Guest speakers will discuss areas of specialty within the medical field, health care in the 21st century, and medical ethics.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a non-profit organization that sponsors educational symposiums for qualifying high school students in a variety of fields.

According to the electrical industry, some 50,000 technicians will be needed over the next ten years just to meet the growing electrical demands on our high-tech society.

High school graduates contemplating a future - or anyone else considering a career change or advancement - would be wise to consider an electrical apprenticeship program. The opportunities available in this field have never been better.

"There's a dramatic shortage of electrical workers," says Bob Baird of the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC). "With public attention focused on layoffs and unemployment, it's a perfect time to remind people of all the advantages the electrical industry offers."

A.J. Pearson, executive director of the National Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, a program sponsored by the National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical

Workers (NECA-IBEW), agrees. "We have been actively promoting our apprenticeship program because of the growing manpower shortage. Right now, we have some 48,000 apprentices in 290 programs around the country. Over the next five years, we want to increase that to 65,000."

Apprenticeship programs for electrical and telecommunications workers are among the best in the country. Not only do they pay a good wage to trainees, but apprentices also receive college credit for their courses. Salaries earned by graduates can be more than one-and-a-half times the national average (depending on location and area of specialty). The U.S. Department of Commerce reported in 1997 that the average annual wage for all workers was \$29,787, while high-tech workers, like electricians, averaged \$52,920. The current worker shortage makes the electrical field even more attractive.

Why are electrical work-

ers in such demand? The incredible growth of computers and Internet use is a major factor. So is America's love for all things electronic. The result is a dramatic increase in electricity use, which generates a need for upgraded wiring and the workers to install it.

"In addition to our joint apprenticeship program we have 70,000 journeymen taking advanced courses on everything from cabling to sophisticated control systems," Pearson notes. "We are focused on the future, and the need for ongoing training is just as critical as the present demand."

Baird points out that the IEC has 76 chapters around the country. "When it comes to becoming an electrical apprentice, location will not hold anyone back. The need for skilled workers is national concern."

The current manpower shortage cuts across geographical, political and philosophical borders.

"Look around - you can

see we're using more electricity every year," Baird adds. "To put this in perspective, it took 38 years before the telephone was adopted by 30 percent of Americans, 17 years for television, but only 7 years for the Internet to reach this level of use. The pace of growth and speed with which new innovations take hold ensure that we'll need many more electrical apprentices for years to come. Without a skilled labor force, it will be a dim future indeed."

For more information on electrical apprenticeship programs, please visit the National Joint

Apprenticeship Training Program at 22.njatc.org, or the Independent Electrical Contractors Web site at www.ieci.org. For more information on electrical and telecommunications applications, visit the Copper

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Boating safety classes scheduled

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Illinois Department of Natural Resources instructors will offer classroom instruction on boating safety for enthusiasts of all ages. The session will include boat handling, nautical terms, navigation, rules of the road, locks and dams, and boat trailering.

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will receive a state cer-

tificate and wallet card.

The course will be held on Sunday, June 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chicago Park District, Mt. Greenwood park Field House, 3724 W. 111th Street, Chicago.

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Having a ball

Governor George H. Ryan and First Lady Laura Lynn Ryan held a reception honoring the Hellenic community of Illinois at the Executive Mansion in Springfield. Pictured left to right: Bill Vranas, President Hellenic Foundation and Hollywood House, Peggy Vranas, Governor Ryan and Mrs. Ryan.

Oak Forest finalizes plans for TIF

By Jude Coyle

Mayor Patrick Gordon and the Oak Forest City Council recognized Officer Karen Kock with Proclamation No. 2397. Officer Kock began her career with the Oak Forest Police Department in 1970 as a telecommunicator. She served as secretary to the Chief of Police, Community Service Officer, patrol officer, juvenile officer, investigator, and as DARE officer with school districts 145 and 142. Officer Kock has earned her certificate in Law Enforcement. She has earned a number of degrees, including two masters, and is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology. She has served as lecturer and instructor and has received recognition for her work in the DARE program, and has been involved with many civic organizations.

Officer Kock retired on June 30th. "I've had a great career, in a great community," she said. "Thank you for this honor."

Resolution 2398 honored former second ward Alderman Susan Hofrichter for her many years of service. She was originally elected in 1975. She lost an election in 1999, but then ran again in 1981 and won. She served until 1997.

During her time, Alderman Hofrichter helped write the City's ethics ordinance, promoted the Area wide Law Enforcement Radio Terminal System (ALERTS) with the Oak Forest Police Department, was instrumental in moving and improving Fire Station No. 2. She also worked towards adding more bike paths.

The resolution provided an honorary street sign in her name, which will be placed at the entrance to the Fieldcrest subdivision.

Varsity Baseball Coach Andy Scianna from Oak Forest High School will retire at the end of the 2001/02 school year. During his 27 years, the Oak Forest Bengals won 582

games and lost 206. The Bengals have won conference and regional titles, and a state championship in 1985. Several former players have gone on to play college and professional ball.

Proclamation No. 2399 established June 30, 2002 as Coach Andy Scianna Day. Resolution 2400 bestowed the honorary name 'Coach Scianna Drive' on the intersection of 151st and Central.

Ordinance No. 2623 will establish residential parking permits for neighborhoods yet to be determined. This will hopefully alleviate parking problems in areas where recreation facilities are located. Two permit stickers will be issued for households. Stickers are to be placed in the lower left back window. Accommodations will be made for visitors and parties.

Robert Rychilecki of Cane McKenna addressed the Council concerning the planned TIF District.

Previously ordinances were passed to establish a plan. Another ordinance established the geographical boundaries of the TIF. It is a T-shape area, running along Cicero from 155th to 163rd, along 159th. From Cicero to Laramie. This is a mixed use area, residential, industrial, retail and commercial.

The purpose of the TIF is to revive or develop a blighted or underdeveloped area. When a TIF is established the amount of money raised through property taxes is frozen. Taxes continue to rise. Anything collected above the frozen amount is used for infrastructure improvements. In this instance, money will be used for sidewalks, lighting, curbs, gutters and creek improvements.

A number of homes are currently located within the TIF. Alderman Simon asked for assurance those families would not be displaced. He also assured that TIF money could not

be used to relocate families either.

The TIF District will not have anything to do with relocating Arbor Park School. That is up to the School Board.

Mr. Rychilecki asked the City Council to pass the third ordinance, which would establish the actual TIF fund. Doing it prior to June 30, allows the City to hold taxes to the 2000 level. All money collected above that would be deposited in the TIF funds. First funds will be available in July 2003. The Board agreed, with Alderman Olszewski voting no.

James A. Malacky of Malacky Builders, Inc. asked to have his land at 15543 Lamon rezoned from b-3 to R-6. R-6 is multi family dwellings. He plans to build two (4) unit townhouses. Mr. Malacky said that these buildings would provide an excellent buffer between the residential and business district.

The subject was tabled because minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission of May 1 weren't available. A tape player had malfunctioned.

Several neighbors from Lamon spoke. Most expressed outrage over the

malfunction because their remarks had been lost. The felt the addition would be detrimental, and had gathered 20 names on a petition.

Colleen Kissel of The Diamonds brought photographs of blackened ceilings and walls. Her and several of her neighbors are dealing with what the insurance company called 'soot and candle smoke'. Mr. Malacky is the builder and refuses to do anything about cleaning it up.

Farmer's market

The Village of Orland Park is hosting a grand opening of its farmer's market.

On June 21, Mayor Dan McLaughlin will open the market at 8 a.m. It will be held in the Civic Center parking lot, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave.

Balloons and a jumping jack will be set up for children.

Twelve vendors will be offering fruits, vegetables, flowers and other items for sale.

United Way will sponsor lunch at 11 a.m.

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Chicago Ridge changes meetings schedule to summer hours

by Jude Coyle

On Tuesday June 4, the Village of Chicago Ridge held a combined committee and regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees. The committee meeting began at 7 pm, and the regular meeting followed. During the months of June, July, August and September, the Board will continue to hold meetings on the first and third Tuesdays. In October, they will revert to holding committee meetings on the first and third Mondays at 7 pm, and the regular meetings at 8 pm on the following night.

Engineer Dr. Christopher Burk described two future projects. The Village is seeking ICC approval for construc-

tion of a cross walk at the CSX crossing on Central. In order to cross the tracks now, pedestrians either walk in the street, or cross to the east side of Central where a walkway exists. Plans include a sidewalk and concrete spans between wooden rails. Estimates range in the \$70,000 area.

The second improvement is widening the intersection at 103rd and Southwest Highway. This would accommodate trucks entering and exiting the Industrial Park. Funds will come from the Finch Berry TIF District. Attorney George Witous plans to bring this before the TIF District's Joint Review Board on June 27, at 2

pm, at the Village Hall School District 218 recognized Trustee Don Pratl for his professional achievements and contributions to the community. A plaque with his picture will hang in the Harold L. Richards' Alumni Hall of Fame.

Mr. Pratl graduated from Richards in 1973. He holds a bachelors degree from Lewis University in Political Science, and he holds a masters from Governors State in Political Studies. He is a floor trader on the Chicago Board of Options Exchange.

Richards Principal Ross J. Cuccio presented Mr. Pratl with an award during the June 3 graduation ceremony.

ing for its restoration. And she talked about the homes on Crandall and Worth Avenues. "Worth is a blue collar community, and these smaller homes are what we are."

Mayor Ed Guzdziol cut off the discussion at that point. Trustee John O'Connell was then appointed to work with Mrs. Brooks.

At the May 22, Park Board meeting, in a closed session, Mayor Guzdziol instructed those in attendance not to push the ordinance as the homes on Crandall were slated for demolition. According to meeting minutes, "The Brooks' home was the only one in the way."

Metra plans to build another parking lot.

According to Mayor Guzdziol there are five homes affected, three on the south side of Crandall, and two on Worth. "This is between Metra and the residents," Guzdziol said in a later interview. "It's their right to sell to whoever they want to.... This has been going on since 1998." Guzdziol reports that three of the residents have written letters to Metra offering their homes.

"This property is zoned for business," Guzdziol said. "That's how they wanted it. Besides, this could be a boon for 111th Street. The businesses would have off street parking they could use at night and on weekends."

The residents are torn on the subject of Metra parking. Tim Mitchell lives across the street from the proposed lot. He doesn't want to see it built. Fiancé Nancy Ortiz agrees. "It's wrong."

Harry and Nancy Carmel live on the south side of Crandall, and are ready to retire. "Let me give you the long story," Nancy said. A few years ago Metra wanted to buy land from the Park District

north of the tracks. The neighbors didn't want it.

The Carmels owned a plot just south of the tracks and north of the American Legion. "We had our business there," Nancy said, "And we were being squeezed out by the taxes... Metra treated us well."

The Carmels were given fair market value for the property, and instructed to remove whatever they wanted from the building. The building was bulldozed.

"We're ready to move," Nancy said. "And my brother lives next store. He's retirement age, too."

Did they send a letter to Metra? "Yes. We're keeping our options open." Asked what would happen if Metra didn't buy the property, Nancy said they wouldn't be angry. But they would look for another buyer. "We're ready to retire, and we'd like to move to the country."

"Most people are generally satisfied," Ed Kagan of Ed Kagan, Realtor, said. "In an eminent domain situation like this, Metra will send two or three appraisers out, and will pay residents market value or better."

According to Kagan homes in Worth are valued on average between \$130,000 and \$200,000. Some more, some less. Values are based on a property-by-property basis.

"No one wants to look at a parking lot," Christine Brooks said. "When Crandall subdivided this land, he planted black oak trees. I have a fifty foot Nordic spruce right outside my front door."

The Brooks home was built in 1922 for old Mrs. Crandall when she could no longer tend her farm. The Carmel home was built from a kit ordered through the Sears Roebuck catalogue. Although 100,00 homes were built

from Sears kits nationwide, not many in this area are left. Another home on Worth to be demolished was built in 1896 for one of John Crandall's sons.

"Think of what we're losing," Christine Brooks said.

Since learning of the pending demolition, Christine and Carroll Brooks have collected four hundred signatures. "What do we need a new parking lot for?" she asked. "They don't fill up the parking they have now. And most of the people who park here aren't from Worth anyway." Metra is building new stations with parking in both Palos Heights

Asked for his thoughts, former mayor Dan Kungo said, "I am opposed to adding commercial parking lots, especially at the expense of homes in our residential area. If this were a vacant lot, it might be desirable. Additional commercial parking lots will cause additional traffic on Crandall, which is not desirable."

Library Board seeks volunteer

The Chicago Ridge Library Board of Trustees is seeking to appoint a village resident to a vacant position on the board. Anyone interested in library policies, budgets, and the role a library plays in the community are invited to apply. The individual appointed to the position will serve until the election of April 2003. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Library Director Kathleen McSwain at 708-423-7753.

Meta parking lot upsets Worth residents

By Jude Coyle

Worth grew up and out of what was originally farmland. The main street, 111th Street, crossed the land, and the Wabash Railroad laid tracks and built a station. Some of the first homes were built on a piece of property located northeast of present day 111th and Harlem. The owner, John Crandall, sold off the land in hopes that settlers would join him. That was 1866. The Village of Worth was incorporated in 1914.

Over the years Worth has grown beyond the original boundaries. Although 111th Street has evolved with the years, it

is still part of the main business district. Buildings have been knocked down, the street has been widened, and a number of strip malls and office buildings have been built.

Most of Worth's old homes are nestled between the Metra tracks, commuter parking lots, and the 111th and Harlem business district.

On May 21, Worth History Museum Curator Christine Brooks addressed the Village about enacting an ordinance that would ultimately preserve those homes. The ordinance contains provisions to establish a commission

to recognize homes built prior to 1930. Once recognized by the Village, the homeowners could then apply for grants through the Illinois State Preservation Agency. Money would be used to restore homes to their original condition. "Once you take the siding off a home," Brooks said, "You open a whole can of worms... and that can be expensive." She talked about the 'painted ladies' on Depot, and the cost to restore those homes. She reminded the Board how one home was demolished in 1977 because no one knew how to secure fund-

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Village View Newspapers has a new address

by Annette Dixon

Village View Publications, Inc. is now located at 5757 West 95th St., 2nd Fl. Suite 14, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The phone number, fax number and email remains the same as before. For those who do not know the number, it is 708-423-9754, Fax number is 708-423-9785, and the email is Annetteadixon@aol.com.

After 9 years and 7 months working from the 9720 Parkside address, there was much to move and the adjustment hasn't sunken in yet.

The move was great since we are located above Southwest Denture, who has been my customer since 1976. Our only hope is that we continue to keep our customers and within the next few weeks stop into the office and say hello.

Village View Newspapers expanded in May by having a far south suburban edition in Oak Forest, Tinley Park, and Orland Park.

We are happy to be serving the far southside along with our suburban and south suburban areas.

Thank you for all the support you have given us and we surely would like to grow larger within these communities.

Police officers sworn in at Oak Lawn meeting

By Erin Traynor

Serving the community was the theme of the evening as the June 25 Village of Oak Lawn meeting. The large meeting room was filled to capacity with fire fighters, police officers, family members and other village residents as Village President Ernest Kolb presented various Village employees with awards for longevity of service. Firefighters, Police Officers, Public Works and other village employees who have served the community from 10-30 years were honored by Kolb and the Trustees and presented with a plaque.

"Our community is lucky and honored to have this group of people dedicate their careers to Oak Lawn," Kolb said as he posed for photos with those being honored.

Two new police officers took the oath of office at the meeting. Thomas Culhane and Christopher Davey. As Kolb congratulated the two newest additions to the Oak Lawn Police department,

he joked about their obvious youthfulness, referring to "these young men...and I mean young!" and saying "The years will fly by before you know it!", as he gestured to the crowd of proud police officers who'd gathered to support their newest team members and honor the veterans of the force among them.

After celebrating those who've served their community, Kolb went on to give praise to those who've made the community more beautiful, as he announced the winners of the "Beautiful Yard" contest:

Items on the consent agenda, all of which were unanimously approved, included the awarding of an amusement license to a Palos Park-based company, a zone variation approval for a residential garage, and mid-month disbursements.

Items tabled until the next regular meeting on July 9 were the awarding of a liquor license for St. Nicholas Greek Church festival, pending receipt of their festival

site plans; and a zone variation for planned new homes on Crescent Avenue, due to the fact that neighbors wanted to attend the meeting.

Trustee news included District 5 Trustee Steven Rosenbaum announcing a July 16 meeting for District 5 residents at Salem United Church. District 5 Trustee Joy commended the Police Department for their creation of a pamphlet for parents regarding teens and the law and recommended that it become even more readily available to residents.

Kolb wrapped up the meeting by announcing that he'd attended a meeting regarding disaster readiness that included representatives from the police and fire departments and members of the Christ Hospital medical team. Although he stated the village "still has a long way to go", he also expressed his confidence in the village's ability to operate and protect residents in the event of a disaster.



Seniors "graduate" from law enforcement class

Cook County Sheriff's Police Director Henry Spight (left), Bridgeview Police Chief Charles Chigas (second from right) and Commander Tim Callahan (right) congratulate Oak Lawn resident Mary Weed (second from left) and Bridgeview resident Leonarda Szurek (center) as the "graduates" proudly display their Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy Certificates of Completion. The south suburban seniors were among 57 seniors honored, after attending Academy classes at the Bridgeview Community Center, 7900 S. Oketo. Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan initiated the Academy to give senior citizens a better understanding of the responsibilities of law enforcement officials as well as advice on personal safety and crime prevention. For more information on the senior citizen Law Enforcement Academy or to register for an academy in your community, call (773) 869-7725.

Muslim group disagrees with Bush's Mid-East plan

A prominent statewide Muslim grassroots group said that the American policy toward the struggle in the Middle-East, which was stated June 24 by President Bush, although it contained some positive elements is still short-sighted and does not bring any true solution to address the basic issues that make peace possible, according to the United Muslim Americans Association.

In a statement addressing President Bush's announced positions, United Muslim

Americans Association (UMAA) President Dr. Sabri Samirah said, "Bush's speech re-emphasized the biased policy of offering the total support of Israel regardless of its continued occupation and brutal attacks on Palestinian civilians and cities."

"While he is requesting Palestinians to change their leadership, compromise, and to express a desire for peace and democracy, the President did not offer them real remedies to major issues of concern."

"Palestinians want to see President Bush pressuring Israel to end its continued brutal attack and siege of their country, dismantling the Israeli occupation, promoting true Palestinian independence and sovereignty, and assuring Palestinian refugees the right of return."

"President Bush should really help the Palestinians choose a good leadership that represents their true aspirations, not a government that works according to Israeli parameters."

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Burbank celebrates Independence Day

The Burbank Park District's annual Independence Day celebration is on Saturday, July 6 at Ridgeland Park, 77th and Naragansett Ave.

There will be fun for the whole family, including carnival games, face painting, camel and pony rides, petting zoo, gyro-tron, trackless

train, inflatable rides, and spin art starting at 4 p.m.

Other attractions will be beer garden, DJ with karaoke, horseshoe tournament and bingo tent. The day will conclude with Melrose's Incredible Firework Show at 9:15 p.m.

For more information, contact 708-599-2070.

Down market has up-side for siding

During economic turn down, a few business succeed. Some of the best rebound stories today are in renovation and remodeling. One Ohio business is proving the up-side to down times is driven by value and customer-controlled quality, according to Heartland Building Products, Inc.

"Historically, people don't

move in down times," said Cristiano Delafeld, owner of Sidex Corporation of Ohio, Inc. "But, by fixing up their home, they'll increase its value, and that's critical in a down market."

Many owners increase their homes' value by at least doubling what they put into it through renovation, a trend that home exterior

remodelers can hang their siding (and survival) on.

A booming remodeling business, Sidex has ridden many economic tides over the 35 years since it began in Illinois, expanded into Wisconsin, and added Delafeld's firm in 1990.

"New homes being built today with no quality will need us down the road to redo it the right way," Delafeld said. "Fly-by-night book and ladder guys don't charge much, but don't offer much either--no licensing, no guarantees, no warranty. When

the contractor holds workmanship in high esteem, the customer can enjoy more control."

"We insist on quality workmanship. I mean, any product is only as good as it's installed, and our name is our reputation. We also use a super polymer siding product provided by a company called Heartland. They sign every piece with a toll-free 800 number printed on the nailing hem and a unique heart-shaped weep hold on every panel. They also have an excellent product warranty to back their siding up."

Sidex doesn't take money up front for a job, according to Heartland. They are paid only after completion.



Moraine board changes meeting time

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the Board Room,

D219, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The Board, at its June meeting, approved changing the starting time to 6:30 p.m. for the duration of their regularly scheduled monthly meetings through November.

Legion fights for concurrent receipt

The 2.8-million member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization, is at odds with the Bush administration, according to the Legion.

The issue is legislation that would allow service-disabled military retirees to concurrently receive their military retired pay and their disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Office of Management and Budget issued a policy statement, recommending a presidential veto of any legislation that would authorize concurrent receipt of both retired pay and disability compensation. The American Legion has been fighting on Capitol Hill to invalidate the century-old provision that subtracts a dollar from a military retiree's retired pay for every dollar he or she earns in compensation for disabilities sustained in military service.

"This is one of the hottest issues that I encounter in every place I visit," American Legion National Commander Richard J. Santos said. "A military career is filled with hardships, family separations, personal sacrifices, and

all too often being placed in harm's way. Denying a military retiree an earned benefit--his or her military retirement pay--is unconscionable. Today, in Afghanistan, career officers and noncommissioned officers risk losing their retirement pay if they are wounded or seriously injured, which is absurd."

"We are talking about two entirely different issues: longevity-of-service pay and disability compensation. You choose to serve your country, but you do not choose to get wounded or hurt. Punishing someone for getting shot in the defense of democracy is immoral and must not be tolerated by the American people. Congress understands which is the reason there is enough support for concurrent receipt legislation both chambers to override a veto."

A veteran (non-military retiree), collecting disability compensation, who retires from any government or private employer, receives concurrently retired pay and disability compensation without penalty. The law penalizes military retirees by not allowing current receipt.

Free Ravinia lawn passes available

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will offer a limited number of free lawn passes to 49 select Ravinia Festival "Words & Music" summer concert performances. Patrons may stop by the library's Ravinia display for a complete listing of the program guidelines and a schedule of concert dates.

Sets of free lawn passes (2 or 3) are available to Oak Lawn residents on a first-

come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved by telephone. Patrons must present their library card to claim a set of tickets. One set is available per patron, not per household. If an Oak Lawn resident has not claimed a set of lawn passes seven days prior to the performance date, they will be offered to the public at large.

For more information, call 708-422-4990.

Loyola recruits two physicians to school staff

Loyola University Health System has recruited two new physicians to Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine.

Ira Horowitz, M.D. was appointed to the school as an assistant professor of pediatrics. His appointment includes serving as full-time faculty in the pediatric intensive care unit at the Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital at Loyola University Medical Center.

Horowitz's specialty is the study of high-frequency oscillatory ventilation, or mechanical ventilation done at very high rates for children with severe respirator failure.

Horowitz received his medical degree from the State University of New York. He completed a residency in pediatrics at New York University Bellevue Medical Center and went on to finish a fellowship in critical care medicine at

Children's Hospital Los Angeles. At Children's Hospital, Horowitz also worked as an attending physician in the emergency room and assisted with the transport of critical patients.

He was awarded the rank of diplomate by the National Board of Medical Examiners, the American Board of Pediatrics and another by the American Board of Pediatrics for critical care medicine. Horowitz belongs to the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Horowitz resides in Willowbrook.

Jyoti Kalra, M.D. has been appointed clinical assistant professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the school.

Kalra treats gastrointestinal malignancies such as cancer of the pancreas, stomach, esophagus and rectum. His current area of interest is in-

travascular brachytherapy, which is the temporary placement of radioactive seeds in coronary blood vessels to treat and prevent coronary artery stenosis, or the narrowing of coronary arteries.

After completing a medical degree and medical/surgical internship in India, Kalra finished a radiation oncology internship at Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital in Hines, Ill. He was a resident in radiation oncology at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison and a fellow at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. Kalra resides in west suburban Bristol.

Kalra will treat patients at Loyola's Foster G. McGaw Hospital and the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, also on Loyola's main campus. To make an appointment with Kalra, call Loyola's central appointment scheduling desk at 708-216-8563.

O'Hare to speak at Victorian Village

George O'Hare, nationally recognized motivational speaker to people in business, industry, and education, will appear in person in the Grand Victorian Fireside Lounge, 12565 Renaissance Circle at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16.

O'Hare began his 34-year career with Sears Roebuck and Company in sales management, merchandising, training and sales promotion. After his new retirement from Sears, he began a career as a radio show producer, and host of "Accentuate the Positive." His career, as well as experience as a lecturer has prepared him to deliver his unique motivational message to audiences of all ages who are looking for a positive philosophy in their business and personal life.

O'Hare's fan mail from schools and organizations includes, from American Airlines: "The feedback from our specialists was overwhelmingly positive," and from The American Association of Medical Assistants: "You made quite a hit with the audience."

From the father of a 14-year-old, "It's no mystery that you got through to my son... and its amazing how a relative stranger can say many of the same things that the parents have for the past 14 years, and all of a sudden, the light bulb goes on!"

There is no cost to attend, but the deadline to register is July 12. For more information, or to reserve a seat, call 708-301-0800. Victorian Village is affiliated with Rest Haven Christian Services.

Evergreen senior council

The Senior Citizen's Council of Evergreen Park meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Community Center, 3450 West 97th Street, room 110 at 10 a.m.

Village residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Upcoming meetings are July 18, at which Ron

Kleinhaus from the Evergreen Park Fire Department will be present; and Aug. 15, at which Maria Pappas, from the Treasurer's Office will be present.

The Council's monthly luncheons will be on July 31 and Aug. 28 at noon.

Tickets are \$6 and available at the Office of Citizen's Services.

The annual council card party will be Thursday, Aug. 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium of H.B. Maher Community Center.

Advance tickets are required for \$4.50 and may be purchased in the OCS office in room 107. Dessert is included and table prizes will be awarded.

The event is a Ways and Means committee project. Proceeds fund Senior Council projects.

Space Station 2002

The Roberts Road Bible Church, 8419 S. Roberts Road, is sponsoring Space Station 2002.

It is an event to explore God through bible stories, crafts, games, skits and snacks.

It is open to children ages 4 through junior high.

The event runs July 15 to 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 708-598-2330 or visit www.rrbchurch.org.

Van Kampens sponsor transplant conference

Heart transplant specialists from Europe and the United States will gather in England at the end of June for a conference on the latest in advanced heart failure and heart transplant care. Presenters are internationally renowned experts from major transplant centers, including Loyola University Health System in Chicago, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, the University of Alabama in Birmingham, the University of Heidelberg, La Pitie Hospital in Paris, Northwestern University in Chicago, and the Instituto Clinico Humanitas in Rozzano, Italy. The conference is made possible by a generous grant from the Robert D. Van Kampen family and is being organized by the Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Program of Loyola University Health System.

"Heart failure care and transplant technologies are improving so rapidly that the

standards of even a few years ago have been surpassed," said conference director Dr. G. Martin Mullen, medical director of Loyola's heart transplant program. "This conference will help advance the state of the art throughout the world."

Topics both complex and controversial will be covered, including:

-Surgical treatment of heart failure

-Choosing recipients for heart transplants-allocation of scarce resources

-Mechanical heart assist devices as a bridge to transplant

-Long-term left ventricular assistance for end-stage heart failure

-Management of complications.

The meeting will be held June 28-30 at Hampton Court, a medieval castle now operated by the USA-based Christian ministry Sola Scripture as a conference center in Herefordshire, England.

Free pool day at Summit water park

The Summit Park District is having a "Free Day" on Thursday, July 4 at the water playground, 5700 South Archer Road.

The park will be open from noon until 6 p.m.

The Park District is also

sponsoring a field trip to Lincoln Park Zoo on Wednesday, July 3. The cost is \$7.50 a person. The group is leaving the park at 8 a.m. and returning at 3 p.m. Anyone interested can call and make a reservation at 708-496-1012.

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- How to increase returns on low interest bank accounts, without risk, while increasing your spendable monthly income
- What documents every senior should have and why they are needed

Sehy joins Saint Xavier staff

Saint Xavier University, Chicago, welcomes Colleen Sehy to its Development staff. Sehy was recently named the University's new Director of Foundation and Government Relations.

As Director of Foundation and Government Relations, Sehy will generate support from private foundations, as well as federal and state sources. She will also initiate new proposals for the general operating support of Saint Xavier.

"Our search committee and I are extremely pleased to attract a professional with the experience and credentials that Colleen brings to this position," said Rebecca Fournier, CFRE, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. "The success of grant writing here at Saint Xavier will make a

huge difference in our ability to move forward and be less dependent upon tuition and enrollment fluctuations."

Prior to joining Saint Xavier, Sehy was the Director of Grants and Research Administration at Benedictine University and a Writer and Researcher at the College of DuPage. A resident of Naperville, she earned a B.A. from Columbia College and M.B.A. and M.S. from Benedictine.

Saint Xavier University is located in a residential neighborhood of southwest Chicago. It serves more than 4,900 students in 36 undergraduate and 32 graduate program options. Crain's Chicago Business (July 2001) recognized Saint Xavier as one of the fastest-growing, private universities in the Chicago area.

Hands Across the Sea

DEDICATED TO MARY COLLINS

by Judi Giglio

Hands Across the Sea Was the Ring She Showed to Me.

A Sparkle In Her Eyes You Would See as She Spoke of Ireland to Me.

Of Youth Long Gone and Walks to School and the Ocean Front Baths She Often Took. Of Dogs that Raced and One that Won and Took its Place with a Silver Cup.

A Fingering Kiss, to Make Good-bye and Her Mother's Gift of a Ring She'll Wear Till She Dies.

Her Name is Mary and you Should Know Not a Finer Person Will you Ever Come to Know.

At 92, She Sings and Plays the Irish Songs, She Learned to Say.

And at Night I Say a Prayer that Mary will always be There.

Letters to the Editor

Under God

I'm sure that most of you have heard or read about the Federal Appeals Court Ruling in San Francisco, CA on June 26, 2002 about the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to take the words under God out of the reading in schools and publicly funded institutions. This ruling affects nine western states and does not affect Illinois yet.

Judge Alfred Goodwin, a Nixon appointee's opinion is that these two words Under God violated the First Amendment and the Separation of church and State. This ruling was put on hold the next day by him. The Justice Department will request a hearing by an eleven judge panel instead of a three judge panel.

The case was brought about by a California resident who is an Atheist. He felt his daughter suffered humiliation in her public school even though she did not have to participate in the reading. It is a free choice.

I'm sure all of you remember Madalyn Murray O'Hair, another atheist whose Supreme Court suit against the Baltimore School Board outlawed prayer in the public school in 1963. Madalyn Murray O'Hair was a well educated lawyer with more than fifteen years experience as a Psychiatric Social worker and was dismissed as a loud mouth litigious troublemaker, yet, the Supreme Court ruled in her favor in Murray VS Curlett and in her own words became "The most hated Woman in America."

We'd better wake up in this country because history has a way of repeating itself. How dare a handful of people decide what's best for all of us.

My grandparents fled Krakow, Poland to come to this country because of German occupation and the loss of their freedom, one of which was to worship God. Let us not forget the words of Hitler "Give me Your youth."

Webster's Dictionary defines God as the Supreme or ultimate reality, the being Perfect in Power, Wisdom and Goodness, who is worshipped as Creator and Ruler of the Universe. No where does it say I have to go to a Church, Synagogue, etc. to worship or pray. I can worship God in my home, or anywhere else. God does not mean religion only if you choose to worship in a religious facility. What comes next the words in God we Trust off our Money, off our buildings and finally the word God stricken from our books until God exists no more.

Please call or write your Senator and Congressmen to voice your opinion.

Signed,
Judi Giglio

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Pledge ruling must not stand

Editorial by Richard J Santos

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional. We should have seen this coming. The U.S. Supreme Court has already ruled that desecrating the Flag of the United States is "protected speech."

If the 9th Circuit's ruling is allowed to stand, millions of American schoolchildren will be denied the right to recite the Pledge. The denial will exist simply because the phrase "one nation under God" offends one atheist and two judges. According to the warped reasoning used by the judges, the words amount to a government establishment of religion. Thus the Pledge is "unconstitutional."

If the word "God" makes the Pledge unconstitutional, is the oath taken by witnesses in the courtrooms unconstitutional? What about the oaths of office taken by our public officials, including judges?

The 9th Circuit's decision clearly contradicts the very words uttered during the opening of each Supreme Court session: "God save the United States and this honorable Court." In addition, the Senate and the House employ chaplains and recite prayers daily. It is obvious that the members of these bodies have read the entire First Amendment, including the portion that states Congress shall pass no law "prohibiting the free exercise" of religion. The Courts ruled long ago that reciting the Pledge cannot be mandatory. Thus, only the rights of those belonging to the overwhelming majority of Americans are being denied.

As national commander of The American Legion, I promise our organization will stand with the American people all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary to correct this grave injustice.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has called the 9th

Circuit's ruling "just nuts." I share his view. I call upon him to extend his outrage to the earlier Supreme Court ruling, permitting flag desecration. Let us not fight this battle halfway. Respect for the flag and respect for the Pledge of Allegiance go hand-in-hand. If Sen. Daschle is serious about protecting the Pledge and the Flag, I ask him to schedule a vote and round up support for the flag-protection amendment immediately.

If you think that these court actions do not affect you, you are seriously mistaken. Flag-protection laws existed for 200 years before the Supreme Court ruled them unconstitutional. It is time to return to the American people the right to protect both the Pledge of Allegiance and the Flag.

Santos is national commander of the 2.8 million-member American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veteran's organization.

Moraine Valley ranked

Moraine Valley Community College ranks 65th among the 1,132 community colleges nationwide in associate's degrees and certificates conferred, according to a national newspaper report. Last year, the college ranked 71st.

The college also ranks 40th in the area of Criminal Justice and Corrections. Last year, Moraine Valley ranked 42nd in the category.

The report, published in the June 24 issue of "Community College Week," is based on an analysis of U.S. Department of Education data for 2000-2001.

"Our high national ranking is testament to the college's outstanding efforts at increasing student success," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of the college.

Breaking the trust

Volume XVII of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's "Guess Who Broke the Social Security Trust" looks at Rep. Mark Kirk from Illinois. He broke the trust of seniors by supporting dangerous GOP plans to privatize the system, which would reduce the benefits that seniors depend on. Additionally, he promised Illinois seniors he would preserve Social Security. However, he voted for a budget that depletes the Social Security trust fund by \$800 billion, according to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Elected in 2000, Kirk was appointed to the budget committee that wrote the budget that depletes Social Security, according to the Democratic

Congressional Campaign Committee. In his Feb. 8, 2001 press release announcing his appointment to the budget committee, Rep. Kirk said, "...I look forward to our work to help save Social Security..."

"Rep. Kirk broke his promise to Illinois seniors that he would protect Social Security's Trust-Fund," said DCCC Spokesperson Kim Rubey. "It is clear that Rep. Kirk cannot be trusted to protect Social Security and people who depend on Social Security cannot afford a representative who is reckless with such an important program."

The DCCC is exposing GOP candidates for broken promises on Social Security. For more information, visit www.breakingthetrust.com.

Sears celebrates "Tool Territory"

"Tool Territory" sounds like a fix-it person's dream. However, the dream becomes a reality as Tool Territory opens in 18 Chicago-area Sears stores beginning on Thursday, July 11 with 18,000 tools for professions to do-it-yourselfers.

Tool Territory features Craftsman, the most popular tool brand in America-- and the U.S. brand that consumers rank No. 1 for quality of any kind of product. The new tool department also offers 74 other popular brands of tools, including: Stanley, DeWalt, Makita, Milwaukee, Delta, Fluke and Estwing.

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"We introduced Tool Territory in 1999 in Norfolk, Virginia, and a few stores in Connecticut," said George Kurkowski, national marketing manager of Tool Territory. "This year, we're celebrating the opening of Tool Territory in about 150 stores,

including 18 stores in the Chicago area. By the end of 2002, Tool Territory is expected to be featured in nearly half of our approximately 870 full-line Sears stores nationwide. Our goal is for Sears to provide more tools than ever before-- in a department that's well-organized and easy to shop, has experts available to answer questions, provides hands-on product demonstrations, and offers customers the right tool for the right project."

The four-day, grand-opening celebration for Tool Territory begins on Thursday, July 11 and will feature tool demonstrations and opportunities for customers to try various tools in the new department. On Saturday, July 13, the 18 Chicago-area Sears stores will distribute 50 \$10 Sears gift cards, one to each of the 50 first customers to enter each store. Customers also can register to win a \$10,000 shopping spree in Tool Territory. One winner will be drawn from all participating Tool Territory grand-opening stores in November 2002.

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Veterans induct officers

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post No. 177, Chicago Ridge celebrated their installation ceremony on June 2. The newly installed Post officers will assume their duties on June 23 for the year.

The new post officers are: Commander Paul Marietta, Sr. Vice commander Stanley Nasakaitis, Jr. Vice Commander Paul Lysik, Quartermaster John Nasakaitis, Adjutant Kenneth Holubek, Chaplain Bill Stefanu, Surgeon John Swan, Judge Advocate John Lennon, Post trustees, J. Fred Radtke and Bill Muth.

Police, fire depts. face off in charity baseball game

The Chicago Fire and Police Departments will face off in the Annual Baseball Classic at Comiskey Park on June 22 at noon.

The Chicago Fire Department Local No 2 Baseball Team will face the Chicago Police Department Team in a charity challenge. Ceremonies will begin at 11:45 a.m. when CFD Commissioner James T. Joyce throws out the ceremonial first pitch.

Tickets are \$5 and are available in advance or at Gate 3 Box Office on game day. Children who fit under the turnstile are admitted free. Free parking is available in Lots D and E.

In 2001, the game was a serious effort by both teams and great fun for the audience. These teams may not be ready for the White Sox team but they did earn the honor to play on their field. The tied score brought a standing ovation from the crowd and the NYPD and FDNY victims' families benefited from the \$60,000 in

proceeds. This is a serious game, both on the field as well as for the beneficiaries.

This year, the money is staying at home. The beneficiary of this year's proceeds will be the Chicago Fire Department Gold Badge Society Memorial Park Fund.

Tickets are available at 708-444-3005 or online at cfdbgolddbadge@aol.com.

The Gold Badge Society is a support group comprised of the widowed spouses and families of duty death firefighters and paramedics. The Society's mission is to offer comfort, support and service to all that would benefit from knowledge gained through members' personal journeys through grief. Confident in the knowledge that healing is a realistic goal, the group is committed to assisting families in achieving that goal.

The only such organization of its kind in the country, it has been called upon for support in other cities, including New York City af-

ter Sept. 11. The group is currently engaged in an effort to assist other cities in developing similar groups.

On the home front, the Gold Badge Society is involved in a fundraising effort to raise \$100,000 to provide a memorial park dedicated to their loved ones.

The Gold Badge Society firmly believes that the memorial park will aid in the healing process for families, friends and coworkers of those who have made the supreme sacrifice, to die in the line of duty. The park will also serve to refresh and renew the dedication of those who currently serve and inspire others to choose the fire service as a profession.

The Gold Badge Society is responsible for providing the commemoratives that will be used in the park. It is the group's wish that these commemoratives will not only emit emotion but will serve as a teacher. The dedication is scheduled for Sept. 11, 2002.

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Summer reading program continues

It is not too late to register and earn prizes in the Oak Lawn Public Library annual summer reading program for children, teens and adults. This year's theme is "Reading Rocks!" The program ends August 9.

Children in preschool through eighth grade, who are Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools, may earn prizes by reaching their reading goals and entering weekly drawings. This year's prizes include pencils,

stickers, CD cases, key chains, puzzles, autographed books and coupons or gift certificates from local merchants.

Teens and adult summer reading club participants will receive a vinyl CD carrying case after reading and completing short review forms for five books. One prize per person.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's website www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us.

No blood pressure screenings in July, August

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will not hold their monthly blood pressure screening program at the Oak Lawn Public Library during July and August. However, free screenings will be offered at the Village of Oak Lawn Farmer's Market on Wednesday, September 11 at 8 a.m. to noon. The program resumes at the library on the second Wednesday of every month, October 9, at 1 to 3 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Vil-

lage of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Hospital, 708-346-3289 or the library, 708-422-4990.

Evergreen Park encourages village to read

Evergreen Park Public Library joins the Village of Evergreen Park in celebrating 2002: Proud of the Red, White and Blue! by encouraging the entire community to read John F. Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize winning book, "Profiles in Courage." President Kennedy's book reminds us, in the shadow of the events of 9/11, how timeless are the most cherished of human virtues of courage and grace under pressure.

Copies of Profiles of Courage are available for pick up at the library. A limited

number of junior reader and large print editions are obtainable for check out, so the entire family can participate. Profiles of Courage is a collection of biographical sketches. Selected portions of the whole book can be read.

There will be village-wide book discussion held on Monday, July 1 at two locations, the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, at 10 a.m. and the American Legion Post #854, 9701 S. Kedzie, at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Charity Oak Lawn residents in Sertoma suburban theatre group

The Roy Hobbs Baseball League charity game to benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc. will feature the Chicago Black Sox taking on the Oak Lawn Diamondbacks on Saturday, July 13. It will be held at Hawkinson Ford Field, home of the Cook County Cheetahs, 14100 S. Kenton Ave., Crestwood. Admission is \$3.

Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. with music and chances for kids to play musical chairs, running bases, and win prizes. The first pitch will be thrown at 5 p.m. by an individual served at Sertoma.

Tickets will be available at the Hawkinson Ford Field at the First Midwest Bank Customer Service booth after June 27.

Prizes are available for the first 100 children 12 and under through the gate.

All proceeds benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc., a facility that serves individuals with disabilities in 45 south/southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago.

For more information or tickets, call Diane Sak at Sertoma Centre 708-371-9700 ext. 208.

Ground-breaking

Hinsdale and Elgin based Dahlquist and Lutzow Architects, Ltd. celebrated a ground-breaking ceremony May 2 at Rich South High School in Richton Park.

Two Oak Lawn residents are offering their talents to WMC Production, a not-for-profit theatre arts organization serving the western suburbs of Chicago. MaryJo Williamson and John B. Boss, both residents of Oak Lawn, are on the Board of Directors for the company and are doing double duty being featured in pivotal roles in the company's two summer theatre productions.

WMC and the Warrenville Park District will present the Acorn Community Theatre production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma."

Featured in the role of Jud Fry, the town villain, is John B. Boss.

Boss created the role in the Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre production last summer and is excited about playing the role in the Warrenville production.

Boss just completed a five month run as the Bishop in Pheasant Run's "Jekyll and Hyde." No stranger to WMC, he appeared in last year's "South Pacific" as Joe Cable with Theatre-On-The-Hill

and is currently the publicist. Other roles include Julian in "42nd Street," Albin in "LaCage Aux Folies," Don Quixote in "Man of LaMancha," Michael in "I Do, I Do," The Emcee and Herr Schultz in "Cabaret," Mary Sunshine in "Chicago," the President in "Dear World," Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol," and in National Tours of "Aladdin" and "Babes in Toyland." He has also appeared in several commercials, industrials, trade shows and print ads. In his spare time, he occasionally makes appearances as Chester T. Phipps for Rent-A-Nerd, Inc. and as the 60's icon Austin Powers.

The play, directed by MaryJo Carlson, musically directed by Joel Everett, and choreographed by Jen Pauley and Tara Savino, will be presented at the Warrenville Community Building, 3 South 240 Warren Ave. Performances are Friday and Saturday July 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday July 14, 21 and 28 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 16 and under, and free to children

under 3. For tickets, call 630-393-2454.

MaryJo Williamson, the producer for Bolingbrook's Theatre-On-The-Hill is being featured in the comic role of Albert's doting mother, Mae Peterson in their summer production, "Bye, Bye, Birdie."

"Birdie" marks Williamson's fourth performance on the Bolingbrook Performing Arts Center stage. Her past credits at Bolingbrook have been Mrs. Paroo in "The Music Man," Mrs. Higgins in "My Fair Lady," and Bloody Mary in "South Pacific." She is not new to the stage. Williamson has done more than 70 principal roles since 1982. Some of her favorite roles are Fraulein Schneider in "Cabaret," Mama Rose in "Gypsy," and Mrs. Paroo in "Music Man." Some of her professional credits include Tony N' Tina's Wedding where she played Tina's mother, Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre, Stage Right Dinner Theatre and has performed at the Chicago Historical Society when they did their dedication to the Great Chicago Fire.

Daniels named employee of the month

Anne Daniels has been named Employee of the Month for May, 2002 at Hinsdale Hospital.

A 17-year employee, Daniels is a diet technician and clerk.

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Latina fest encourages teens

In a quest to empower Latina teen girls to build a healthy self-image of mind, body and spirit, Procter & Gamble has gathered Latina celebrity panelists and experts for the first-ever Totalmenta Latina Tour. With

stops in six major cities across the United States, including Chicago, TLT promises to infuse audiences with real-life inspiration and the tools necessary to manage peer pressure, recognize cultural expectations, nurture

meaningful relationships and build a positive self-image.

Designed for today's Latina teen, the TLT forum offers a fun-filled and informative experience that encourages girls to learn from each other and collectively build a stronger generation of young women. Female celebrity panelists such as rising Sopranos star Jamie-Lynn Sigler, Ann Machado of Latin Access; fitness guru

Gloria Araya-Quinlan and motivational speakers, who all have their own stories of struggle and triumph, will share their secrets about what it takes to be a successful Latina woman in today's world. Girls will also receive useful tips on how to truly accept themselves and the opportunity to discuss common issues affecting their lives among their peers.

"Unfortunately, there are still a few cultural barriers which discourage Latina teen girls from realizing their full potential," said TLT panelist Jamie-Lynn Sigler. "I strongly believe that everyone is capable of living their (dreams), but you need to believe in yourself! This is a unique opportunity for Latina girls to interact with their peers, learn from a diverse group of panelists and gain the tools necessary to take their dreams to the next level."

Immediately following the forum, TLT attendees will be able to hear the rhythmic sounds of Latin-inspired live performances from the Pilar Mantenegro.

The tour will come to McCormick Place on July 20.

For more information, go to the website, www.totalmentalatina.com

Student selected as ambassador

Mary Lyons has been selected to represent Oak Lawn in the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Lyons is among a delegation of 39 selected 5th and 6th grade students to travel this summer on a two-week trip to San Francisco, Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park. The trip will prepare Lyons and the other delegates for future international exchange opportunities.

The People to People program was founded by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1963. Eisenhower's mission was to foster international understanding and friendship through educational, humanitarian and cultural activities involving the ex-

change of ideas and experiences directly among people of different countries and diverse cultures.

The Student Ambassador program allows students to examine the economics, government, industry, agriculture, education and customs of a specific region.

Lyons is the daughter of Oak Lawn resident Melissa Lyons. She is an honor roll student who is looking forward to entering 6th grade at Covington Elementary School. Lyons is a member of the Oak Lawn Pirouettes Gymnastics Team, the Covington chorus and volleyball team, and a former member of the Oak Lawn Outlaws PeeWee and Widget Cheerleading squads.

Little Company offers diabetes support group

Diabetes patients understand that taking care of ones health is an important aspect of living a healthy life. Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers announces the start of their Diabetes Support Group.

The group, sponsored by the Outpatient Medical Nutrition Therapy Clinic at Little Company, is led by registered dietitians and diabetes educators. Special guest speakers are often featured.

Each session includes a free gift raffle and light refreshments. A relative, friend or support person is invited also.

The premier meeting, July 31 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., features the first guest speaker. The special guest will introduce the new, "Gluco watch," a watch that automatically reads the patient's blood sugar level, without blood. At the first meeting, a healthy dinner will be served. For the

initial meeting, diabetes patients' guests will be asked to pay a \$5 fee.

Regular meetings will be held last Wednesday of the month at the same time. Those interested can arrive at the north Pavilion entrance of the hospital at 94th Street and California Ave., which offers parking just to the north. No physician referral is required. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 708-229-5921.

Programs tackle battered spousal and victim issues

"Battered Spouses: What To Do When It Happens To You" and "Easy Victims: Protecting Children and the Elderly" are the topics of two half-hour programs presented by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) airing on Chicago Access Network Television, Channel 21 in Chicago. "Battered Spouses" will air on Tuesdays, July 2, 16, and 30, at 10 p.m. "Easy Victims" will

air on Tuesdays, July 9, and 23, at 10 p.m.

Appearing on the shows are Jan Russell, of the Chicago Police Department's Domestic Violence Advocacy Program, attorney David N. Schaffer with the Naperville law firm of Brooks Adams and Tarulis and a member of the ISBA Family Law Section Council; Program Moderator David H. Levy, a managing partner

at the Chicago law firm of Kalchauer, Schatz & Berger, and Judge Francis A. Gembala, Domestic Relations Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

"Illinois Law" is a cable production of the ISBA. The 35,000-member ISBA, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public.

Did You Know?

Q: I've considered getting my teeth bleached. Does bleaching really work? Also, do the drug store bleaching kits work as well as the ones a dentist makes you?

A: Yes, bleaching does really work, although results do vary from patient to patient. Just as your skin contains millions of pores, your teeth contain millions of what are referred to as tubules. These tubules will eventually absorb particles that will in time cause your teeth to discolor. Smoking and coffee drinking will accelerate this process. When a bleaching solution is applied to your teeth the chemical is absorbed into these tubules, bleaching out the discoloration and whitening your teeth. There's a few good reasons why a custom fit bleaching system from your dentist is more effective than the over-the-counter products. The over-the-counter trays are designed to fit in your mouth but are not custom to fit your teeth. Therefore, there is little control over where the bleaching solution goes. Since the chemical is an irritant to the gums, these over-the-counter solutions have to be made considerably weaker, therefore less effective. The trays made by your dentist will provide you with a much stronger and more effective bleaching solution. Dr. Hogg is a 1984 Honors Graduate of the University of Illinois Dental School and currently practices in Oak Lawn. Hours are available by appointment at 708-422-1900. Copyright UDMI 2001.

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Question: I started smoking when I was 12 years old and finally kicked the habit in my late 50s. Now, I'm disturbed because one of my granddaughters has started smoking and she's only in her teens. I don't know how to impress upon these kids the dangers of smoking. When I started, I had no idea about how bad it was. I feel great now and have more energy than ever but it sure took me a long time to quit. I don't want to "harp" on this, but I hate to see my granddaughter with a pack of cigarettes.

Answer: Despite all the information about the negative consequences about smoking—the most common drug addiction in the U.S.—some teens think it is more important to be trendy and accepted by peers. The problem is, years from now she may regret that she ever picked up a cigarette. Maybe you could tell her about your own

battle with cigarettes over the years and ask her how she intends to keep paying for the expensive habit, especially in light of the recent tax increase.

I know from serving at Governor George Ryan's and the Illinois General Assembly ambassador to nearly two million seniors in the state, the terrible toll tobacco has taken on older people. Some have even said that older Americans are the "forgotten victims of tobacco-related death and disease." That is because, like you, many people remember when smoking was "the norm."

Is your granddaughter an athlete? Even if she isn't, you may try to appeal to concern for her health. Cigarette smoking is the most important preventable cause of disease and death in the U.S.

Tell your granddaughter the smart thing to do is stop now. Don't accommodate her by allowing smoking in your house. Let her know where you stand on this

issue.

Smokers of all ages are going to have some symptoms of nicotine withdrawal when they try to quit. It takes at least a month to get over these feelings. Many types of programs are offered to help people quit.

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA, the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345, the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1, the Office on Smoking and Health at 1-800-CDC-1311 or the National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4CANCER.

Also, do not hesitate to call the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 (voice and TTY) or write to:

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McAfee to speak

Lauren McAfee, enforcement attorney with the Secretary of State Securities Department will speak before the Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn, Golden "K" Wednesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. in the V.F.W. Hall, 9520 S. 52nd Ave.

Ray Ristow, coordinator, announced that McAfee will explain the workings of the Illinois Securities Department, focusing on crimes against senior citizens, touching on investor education on scams and how to protect yourself against being a victim of financial fraud.

McAfee is a graduate of Indiana University, received her law degree and masters in mass communication from Drake University and is currently attending the Illinois Institute of Technology's Center for Law and Financial markets. She also volunteers with the Chicago Cares and tutors for the Cabrini-Green Programs.

Baseball coach named at De La Salle

De La Salle Institute is proud to announce that John Klupshas has been named its new head varsity baseball coach. Klupshas, a 1975 graduate of De La Salle, replaces Brad Esposito, who is leaving the Institute to pursue other opportunities.

Klupshas, who has been as assistant varsity baseball coach at De La Salle for the past five seasons, will also serve as an assistant football coach.

In the classroom, Klupshas, who holds a Master's degree in Education from Chicago State University and has been in the education field for the last 22 years, will teach health and physical education.

"I think it's fantastic to be

teaching and coaching at my alma mater," Klupshas said. "There isn't another place I'd want to be teaching and coaching. De La Salle has a family atmosphere and I'm glad to be a part of it. Every student who is here is treated like my son. We have a lot of high-quality young men here at De La Salle."

Klupshas is a resident of Oak Lawn and a parishioner of St. Gerald's Church in Oak Lawn. He and his wife, Joan, are the parents of daughter, Kathy, and sons John '02, Tom '03, Mike '06 and Dan '08.

De La Salle congratulates Klupshas on his new position and wishes him every success in the classroom and on the baseball diamond.

Tree ID guide now available

"What Tree is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central United States.

Well-known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces, and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut, and mockernut hickory, sassafras and shadbrush among others.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, and other identifying features. "What Tree is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple, step-by-step fashion.

To obtain a tree ID guide, send your name, address and \$3 to "What Tree is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Scholarships awarded to Richards graduates

Four Richards High School graduates were awarded scholarships for college.

Nicki Kastellorizios, an Oak Lawn resident, was awarded a \$10,000 Presidential Scholarship from DePaul University. She plans to study political science and philosophy in preparation for law school.

Kastellorizios, who graduated in the Top 15 from Richards High School in Oak Lawn, also received a scholarship from Johnson-Phelps Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

She distinguished herself academically at Richards as an Illinois State Scholar and honor roll student. Kastellorizios was also named in the 2002 edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

While at Richards, Kastellorizios participated in student council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Spanish Club, Science Club, yearbook, speech team, Model United Nations, tennis, and soccer.

Kristen Schifferdecker, another 2002 Richards High School graduate, was awarded a \$9,000 academic scholarship from the University of Iowa.

Schifferdecker also graduated in the Top 15 from Richards.

Schifferdecker was an Illinois State Scholar, secretary of the National Honor Society, and a four-year honor roll student. This year, she placed third in the state in the speech category of the Academic Decathlon.

While at Richards, Schifferdecker participated in speech team, marching band, concert band, pep band, Photography Club, Stock Market Club, French Club, Drama Club, softball, and tennis.

Kathryn Rosellini, an Oak Lawn resident, was awarded a \$1,000 academic scholarship to Northern Illinois University. She plans to study clinical laboratory science.

Rosellini, who was named in the 2002 edition of Who's

Who Among American High School Students, recently graduated in the Top 15 students from Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

Academically, Rosellini distinguished herself at Richards as an Illinois State Scholar and member of National Honor Society. She also earned Division I ratings (the highest possible awarded by the Illinois Music Educators Association) for band.

Rosellini was a member of the South Inter-Conference Association Honor Band and the St. Xavier University Chamber Orchestra in 2002.

While at Richards she participated in marching band, pep band, concert band, Academic decathlon, Model United Nations, Safe and Drug Free Schools, speech team, Spanish Club, peer tutoring, and tennis.

Lindsey Easton, an Oak Lawn resident, was awarded an Honors Scholarship for academic excellence from Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois.



Easton will study environmental engineering at Benedictine. She recently graduated in the Top 15 from Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

Easton's academic honors include recognition as an Illinois State Scholar, member



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ber of National Honor Society. She also graduated with High Honors, meaning she had a grade point average exceeding 4.5 on a 4.0 scale.

While at Richards, Easton was involved in Science Club, Model United Nations, French Club, and bowling.



The Mosquito Magnet Liberty at www.mosquitomagnet.com. National Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day at www.enesco.com. ITB Therapy (Intrathecal Baclofen Therapy) information at www.spasticity.com.

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The Music Man comes to 99th Street Summer theatre

A large cast will open the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival's 24th season of community theatre in the Mother McAuley Auditorium on July 11 with Meredith Wilson's taste of Americana "The Music Man." Leading the cast in the role of Harold Hill, the music man, will be Eugene McMahon who has played

several roles for the 99th Street Summer Theatre audiences, including Curly in "Oklahoma," Sid in "The Pajama Game," and the spokesman in "Over Here."

Marian Paroo, the librarian and ingenue lead, is played by Erin Hayes who has appeared in many past 99th Street Summer Theatre productions including "Once

on this island" as Ti Moune, "Oklahoma" as Ado Annie, and "The Wizard of Oz" as Dorothy.

Patrick Mooney, who has appeared in several productions and served as Conductor and Musical Director for several shows will play the role of Marcellus Washburn.

Veteran 99th Street performer Margaret Hayes, who

has appeared as Miss Hannigan in "Annie," Aunt Eller in "Oklahoma," and numerous other roles, plays the role of Mrs. Paroo.

Matt Slomka and Julie Zebleckis play Mayor Shinn and his wife, Eulalie MacKechnie Shinn.

The roles of Zaneeta and Gracie Shimm are played by Jeanine Stupka and Katie Spelman. The Barbershop Quartette is a group of singers with a large resume of credits including Mike Gruwea, Daniel Riley, Chris Hasson, and Gerry Anastasia.

The two children's roles are played by Ian Rigg, as Winthrop, and Natalie Hudson, as Amaryllis.

Other featured roles are played by Brian Rigg as Chris Cowell, Hannah Dillon as Ethel Toffelmier, Jill Schechtman as Alma Hix, Beth Trevino as Maud Dunlop, and Rachel Franker as Mrs. Squires. Other Pick-a-Little Ladies include Tarah Karczewski, Erica Zintek, Shannon Bracken, Chris Nolan, and Barb Gibson.

The teen dancers of River City include Andrea Collier, Kelly Pesha, Chelsea Fahey, Laura Wisniewski, Terese Pikula, Brittany Mavity, Trina Gillen, Ashlee Gillen, Katie Scully, Anne Svane,

Jessica Trumbull, Mary Brennan, Jill McMahon, Janna Canning, Stephanie Florence, Eileen O'Connor, Lisa Reynolds, Lindsay Foreman, Karen Biros, Colleen Duffy, Amanda Barry, Cassidy Patton, Sarah Jost, Kelly Rowe, Patrick Tiemey, Kevin Durnbaugh, Brian Lambert, Mark Bartishell, Sean Kelly, Jon Ficaro, Andrew Omastiak, Tim Linville, Ryan Leung, Dan Sawyers, Chuck Lamphier, and Byron Greene.

The children's ensemble includes 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival Kids Kampers, also.

The show is directed by Patricia Haynes, managing

director of the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival for its 24 years, choreography is by Jean Marques and Marci Caliendo, musical direction by Peg Mooney. The production team includes Scenic Designer Don Haynes, Technical Director Tarah Karczewski, Lighting Designers Erin Grade and Noreen Snyder.

"The Music Man" will be presented July 11, 12, 13 in the Mother McAuley High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Ticket information is available by calling 773-881-6512. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for children under 10.

Picnic at Sts. Peter and Paul Church

Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 8410 W. 131st Street, Palos Park, is hosting its annual picnic on Sunday, July 14 from noon until 7 p.m.

At the picnic will be the Gene Mikrut Band, a Ukrainian dance group, kids games and races, face painting and

a moon walk, all free.

There will also be Bingo, split the pot with the church, homemade pierogis, stuffed cabbage, sausage and kraut, desserts, hamburgers, hot dogs and corn on the cob.

Cultural items including Ukrainian Easter eggs can be purchased.

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Moraine Valley receives grant

Moraine Valley Community College has received a \$64,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Labor to serve displaced homemakers in the Moraine Valley district. This is the third year Moraine Valley has received this grant from the Illinois Department of Labor.

A displaced homemaker is someone who has worked in the home for a substantial number of years, providing unpaid services; is not gainfully employed, or has difficulty securing gainful employment; or was dependent on the income of another family member or public aid program, but is no longer supported by such income due to divorce, separation, being widowed, or disconnection of benefits.

The Displaced Homemaker program gives the individuals that qualify the support necessary to strike a balance between work and school to move toward economic self-sufficiency.

The program also provides opportunities for academic and vocational advancement through the college's affiliation with the Illinois Employment Training Center/Workforce Investment Act system. This vast network of services can assist displaced homemakers in gaining access to local job listings, job search assistance, vocational assessment and job development/placement resources designed to facilitate easy entry or reentry into the workforce.

Moraine Valley also plays significant roles in personal development, child care, housing, personal and family health, domestic violence services, financial aid, and transportation services assistance. The programs are carried out either through the school or by connecting the displaced homemaker directly to outside providers of the services.

Snapple dyes at Chicago Ribfest

This summer Snapple's Dye Hard Tour is traveling the country on the first-ever barbershop on wheels, giving thousands of makeovers with former back-up singers for Blondie and founders of Manic Panic- Tish and Snooky. Bellamo the duo who made mohawks and pink hair extensions famous.

The Snapple Dye Hard Tour will be giving Manic Makeovers to people who want to push "life to limit" for the day or beyond-- with outrageous haircuts (including buzzcuts, mohawks and mullets), colorful hair extensions, wigs, glitter, fake eyelashes and body paint. Snapple and Manic Panic are introducing four non-permanent hair dyes- "Kiwi Strawberry Pink," "Snapple Apple Red," "Lemon Yellow Tea," and "Lime Green Tea."

"People, especially young people today are pressured to conform. Snapple and Manic Panic say don't! Be quirky, be

yourself and most importantly, have fun because you only live once," said Tish Bellamo.

The Dye Hard Snapple Tour is an official sponsor of Chicago's Rockin' Ribfest- a three day barbecue and music festival. Activities include an amateur rib cook-off featuring celebrity judges, cash prizes and events like 'The Snapple Triathlon' in which people can compete for \$50,000 in a half-court shoot out. The Rockin' Ribfest benefits the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls.

The Ribfest is Friday, July 12 to Sunday, July 14 from noon to 10 p.m.

Golf outing held for Little Company

The community is invited to an afternoon of golf in support of the Mother/Baby Unit at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. The Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation will host its third annual golf outing at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort on Friday, Sept. 6.

This year's event is chaired by Jim Galbraith, Sheila Lowry Yakutis and Larry Yakutis.

The day begins with registration at 10 a.m. A buffet

Lunch will be held at 11 a.m., followed by a noon shotgun start for golf. The day ends with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$150 each or \$600 per foursome, or \$50 for dinner only. Hole sponsorships are \$250 each, and exclusive hole sponsorships (limited to 10 holes) cost \$1,000.

For details, please call the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation at 708-229-5066 or visit their website at www.lcmh.org.

Community street fair to be held

Ashburn Baptist Church, 3647 W. 83rd Street, Chicago, will be sponsoring a "Community Street Fair" on June 30, especially for the Ashburn Neighborhood.

Entertainment for the whole family will include live Spanish-American music, games and prizes for

kids, clowns, face painting, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, and free food and beverages while it lasts. The City of Chicago will have a Fire Department demonstration and a jumping jack for children. There will be an opportunity for parents to enroll their children in Vacation

Bible School or send them to a one-week camp. There are camp scholarships available for Chicago residents.

The fair starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. However, everyone is welcome to attend any of the services for the church: bible classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m., patriotic worship service at 11 a.m. and "Old Fashioned Gospel" preaching outdoor service at 5 p.m. Nurseries and child care are available during the morning service.

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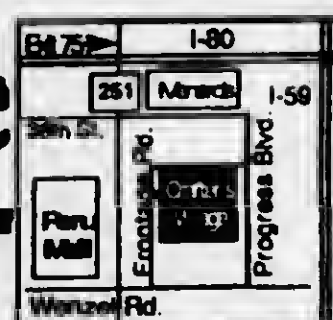


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"It's Elementary Astrology" is a **Psychic Insight** based on the **Elements**: ***Water** [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] ***Earth** [Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn] ***Fire** [Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] ***Air** [Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and **Astrology Sun Signs**.

***Water Signs:** Yes it is time to get busy and clean up the house. Rid yourselves of anything not used or needed. This is a month to really make some progress in your work area too. Think of new ways to do old jobs and you'll impress yourself and others. Health seems to be improving and you are sure to find time to exercise and make dietary changes too. K and C could become your chief concern or someone to help this month. Watch for a means to make more money.

***Earth Signs:** There may be some really important communications coming your way about someone needing help. You could end up this month giving someone a place to stay, helping them buy food or medicine. If you can do it then do it. You never know when the Eye of the Observer (God) is watching. Health requires more exercise and drinking more water. R and someone in the sign of Pisces could be your best helps this month. If in the mood for buying a car, or some form of transportation, this is the time to do it.

***Fire Signs:** Someone D or M could become deeply involved such as in a love matter or triangle. But this is no time to play games in matters of love, you could lose out entirely. Someone seems to be putting themselves up as your critic, as your judge or whatever you "might call their need for control." Health-wise, be careful with allergies. Strange but vivid dreams could help make you rich so, write them down, date them and go over them from time to time. What repeats itself IS the message or messages you need to deal with.

***Air Signs:** When it comes to doing detective work concerning yourself, you surely don't need anyone but yourself to figure out what needs to be done. You could make big mistakes if you deny yourself the freedom to explore more of what is out there for you. If unhappy in love seek a new love. If unhappy in work, seek a new job, if unhappy about your health, start on some new health routine. Don't just sit and let yourself be unhappy! You count too you know! C and L and someone in the signs of Sagittarius and Leo help you if you ask.

I'm available for Mini-Sessions at The Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] on Monday, July 15th 6:30-8PM and Willoughby's [122nd & S. Harlem] on Thursday, July 18th 6-8:30PM. Appts & walk-in's. Ask about JACKI'S CLUB!

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Check-in is at 1 p.m. and the shotgun will sound at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by July 19.

Sponsorship opportunities available include: dinner, hole, golf towel, round of drinks, and cart sponsors.

Donations for door prizes silent auction and goody bags are 100 golfers is also available.

Call Deb at 815-725-4324 to register, become a sponsor or make a donation.

Michigan City sets sail for boat show

Hook, line and sink 'em at the 23rd anniversary of the Michigan City In-Water Boat show. The largest and oldest boating exposition will "a pier" for four days this summer, August 22-25, at Michigan City, Indiana's lakefront Washington Park.

Michigan City's Washington Park is expecting to welcome aboard more than 30,000 nautical enthusiasts. From stem to stern, the show will feature brand new 2003 boating products including a fleet of more than 500 power and sailboats-- small boats displayed on land, large boats dockside in the water-- ranging from the budget inflatable to the million dollar motor yacht. It all adds up to the largest in-water sailing fleet on Lake Michigan.

There will be nearly 150 accessory exhibits featuring the latest wave of new products ranging from nautical clothing, jewelry, sailing accessories and safety equipment to scuba gear, marine electronics, charts, plotting tools, boat paint, polishes and waxes.

Special attractions include the "Bass Tub" of Oklahoma, Twiggy the waterskiing squirrel, free "Sample Sailing" rides, food, and music.

Bulls hold LuvaBull auditions

The Chicago Bulls are now accepting applications for the team's LuvaBull Cheerleaders for the 2002-2003 season.

The dance troupe is comprised of 25 multi-talented women and entertains at every Bulls home game at the United Center in addition to performing internationally and around the country at conventions, trade shows, sales meetings, promotional events and charitable events.

Auditions will be held Saturday, August 3 at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.

Auditions are by invitation only.

Applicants can write C.C. Company of Illinois, Inc. P.O. Box 4712, Wheaton, IL 60189 and enclose a self-addressed stamped legal-size envelope to receive an application form. Applications are also available on the Bulls website, www.bulls.com. Applications must include a recent full-length photograph which will not be returned. Dance experience is preferred but not necessary. Candidates must be 21 years or older, be high school graduates and have full-time jobs. Applications must be received by Wednesday, July 31.



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Theatre Alive

with Georger Fitzgerald

It was a showcase and celebration of Britain's Royal Heritage. It was the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It was a large attendance of Brits and friends on June 3 enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Chicago's historic Navy Pier in the 15-year-old Chicago Shakespeare Theatre with Chicago's British Consul General Robert Culshaw leading the toast to Her Majesty followed by a Jubilee Program in the theatre. It included Chicago actor Mike Nussbaum reading an excerpt from Richard II and McKinley Carter singing "London Pride" with music and lyrics by Noel Coward. Artistic Director Barbara Gaines read an excerpt from King Henry VIII and prominent local performer F. Faye Butler singing "God Save

the Queen" with the attendees singing the third refrain with Gaines. It was very inspiring.

Chicago's Shakespeare Theater and the United Kingdom have shared common bonds throughout the fifteen-year history of the theatre.

Meanwhile back in London's Theatre District here is just a sample of what play choices you have: the new Gershwin musical "My One and Only" at the Piccadilly Theatre, "Art" at the Whitehall Theatre, "Blood Brothers," at Phoenix Theatre, "Noises Off" at Comedy Theatre.

At the 99th Street Summer Theatre festival, "The Music Man" is playing July 11, 12 and 13. Also at 99th Street, "Little Shop of Horrors" is playing July 25, 26, and 27. For tickets, call 773-881-6512.

AIDS agencies receive \$1 million

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago has awarded \$1 million in grants to 48 Chicago-area organizations for AIDS prevention, care, education, healthcare advocacy, and capacity-building projects.

Nearly half of funds awarded will support prevention, education, and risk reduction programs targeting at-risk youth, families, gay and bisexual men, injection drug users, and ex-offenders. Projects such as street outreach, group interventions, and needle exchange are sup-

ported by the grants.

More than one-quarter of funds awarded will support direct care services for people living with HIV/AIDS. The remainder is earmarked for AIDS policy and advocacy efforts, evaluation, and for capacity-building and organizational development projects. In addition, 41 percent of all awarded funds will support organizations that meet AFC's strict definition of community organizations serving communities of color.

Tree ID guide now available

"What Tree is That?," a guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central United States.

Well-known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces, and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut, and mockernut hickory, sassafras and shadbrush among others.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, and other identifying features. "What Tree is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple, step-by-step fashion.

To obtain a tree ID guide, send your name, address and \$3 to "What Tree is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Exhibit displays watercolor art

The Midwest Watercolor Society's 26th annual National Art Exhibition, June 22- August 18, is being hosted by the Kankakee County Historical Society.

The national juried art exhibit features 77 transparent watercolor paintings selected from 785 entries representing 41 states and Canada.

The Midwest Watercolor Society's purpose is to advance the stature and foster

the appreciation of transparent watercolor as a major expression.

The Kankakee County Historical Society, 801 S. 8th Avenue, Kankakee, is open Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m., and closed Monday.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors, and free for members. For more information, call 815-932-5279.

New shoe store opens in The Plaza

J.B. Grubart, a shoe store offering fashionable styles for men and women, recently opened in the north mall at The Plaza, 9500 W. Western Ave., Evergreen Park.

According to J.B. Grubart manager Raj Patel, the store offers a full range of sizes and styles in shoes from a variety of manufacturers.

J.B. Grubart offers casual, office casual and dress shoes in a combination of patterns and colors. High fashion, high style Italian brands provide panache to the new store.

Manufactures found at J.B. Grubart include Nine West, Carlos Molina, Ann Marino, Valenti Franco, Wild Rose, and Bronx for women. Patel emphasizes that the store now sells women's sizes to 11 with plans to add sizes 12 and 13. Handbags are also available for all occasions.

The selection of men's

shoes will be expanding, Patel said. Currently, Nunn Bush and Todd Welsh shoes are available.

"We're pleased to welcome J.B. Grubart to The Plaza," said Bruce A. Provo, president of The Provo Group, managing general partner of The Plaza. "Our customers are sure to appreciate the store's assortment of styles and prices, as well as the quality of its merchandise."

The Plaza's new J.B. Grubart shoe store is the third location for the growing company. It is open seven days a week during mall hours, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact J.B. Grubart at 708-424-4500 or The Plaza customer service at 708-422-5454.

High prescription costs to be discussed

Citizen Action/Illinois and the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans is hosting a town meeting on senior citizen prescription drug relief on Tuesday, July 16 at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th Street in Palos Heights.

Prescription drug prices in the U.S. are the world's highest, averaging 32 percent

more compared with Canada and 60 percent more compared with Great Britain.

Seniors are invited to the meeting to voice concerns about rising prescription drug costs, and find out about current state and federal plans for prescription drug relief.

Local state legislators and candidates are invited.

For more information, call Citizen Action/ Illinois at 312-427-2114 ext. 8.

Car giveaway successful

Nearly 1,000 people showed up at Sutton Ford at the Matteson Auto Mall for the finale of a car giveaway promoted in conjunction with Power 92 radio (WPWX FM). Mid-day host Cortney "Baby Girl" Hicks hosted the live event during her afternoon show.

Over 300 qualifying radio listeners received a remote starter but only one of the starters would actually start the car. The tension built as the event began, while person after person tried started the shiny black Mustang.

Renaldo Blakemore of Dalton, IL only the thirteenth

person to try starting the car, was shocked when he pressed the remote starter of the car and nothing happened. However, as he began to walk away, the engine fired up. Ronne was the owner of the brand new 2002 Mustang Convertible with \$1,000 cash in the glove compartment.

Sutton Ford's owner, Nate Sutton, congratulated Blakemore and presented him with the keys to the car.

Sutton Ford is located inside the Matteson Auto mall at 157 and Route 30 West. For more information, call 708-720-8000.

Free prescription drugs available

For those with high medication costs, a 32-page booklet, "Free Low Cost Prescription Drugs," is available. It is published by the Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C.

The revised fourth edition gives consumers information on how and where to get free and low-cost prescription drugs.

"Many major drug companies provide free or low-cost medication, but rarely, if ever, publicize the programs," said Gary Nave, director of the Institute.

The booklet contains an alphabetical list of medications available through patient assistance programs, for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet PD-77, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210. Consumers can also get the information from the Institute's web site: www.institutedc.org.

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Southland education resource directory available

The 2002 edition of the Chicago Southland Education Resource Directory is complete and ready for distribution through the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.

The project was compiled and prepared by Margaret Narcisi, a Chamber member and Education Workforce Development Council volunteer. Narcisi thanked the 90 businesses which participated and gave special thanks to John Hojek from the Prairie State College Corporate Training Center for his technical assistance in creating an easy-to-use format for the directory.

The directory was presented to the Chamber's Education Workforce Development Council and the Chicago Southland Chamber Board of Directors.

The 267-page directory, which is part of the Chicago Southland Chamber's Regional Workforce Plan, will be used as the first source of information on available business services to teachers

to educate high school and grade school students about the various skills required, and the opportunities in the business sector.

The directory identifies 14 specific areas the 90 businesses will assist Southland schools and students. They are companies willing to: host a field trip to their location, send a staff person to visit the classroom, provide copies of their annual report and explain it, provide audiovisual presentations for the classroom, teach a workshop, host a seminar or workshop for teachers, provide literature or reference materials, provide staff and information for career days, participate in "Take a Kid to Work" days, participate in student training, participate in job shadowing program, donate computers or software, provide feedback about graduates, or provide summer employment for teachers.

"The directory provides a way for schools to take positive advantage of increased support from businesses

throughout the Chicago Southland Region. It also provides an opportunity for businesses to participate in classroom activities and give direct assistance to equip our future work force," said Michael Seward, Chamber President/ CEO.

The Education Resource Directory is easy to read and illustrates the wide variety of businesses that offer workshops, tours, computers and more. It is a learning tool that promotes partnership between local businesses and educational institutions. It also helps to define future needs of the region's workforce.

The directory is published in association with South Suburban College and the Cook County President's Office of Employment Training.

The 2002 edition is offered in print and electronic versions for \$25. For more information about how to be included in the directory, contact Michael Seward at 708-957-6950.

Homeschoolers group to hold meeting

Grassroots Homeschoolers is a non-sectarian support and information group for families that choose to educate their children at home. Grassroots Homeschoolers meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month, from 11:30

a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The group will meet at McCarthy Park, 169th and 80th Ave. in Tinley Park, on July 3 and 17. Guests should bring a lunch.

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nities, activities, field trips and programs.

More information is available at <http://grassrootshs.tripod.com>. or Arlene at 708-720-1637.

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5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Tower Building Contest
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Mr. D and his House of Magic
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6:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Bruce Korosa Polka Band
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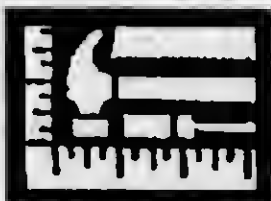
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walls using their favorite colors. Thompson recommends topping it all off with a colorful, kid-themed ceiling fan for a really "cool" look.

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retinal degenerative diseases will present sessions during the conference.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to attend informative coping sessions and visit the Exhibit Hall, showcasing the latest products and services.

There is a \$250 registration fee. The fee includes science and coping sessions, all materials, entrance to Exhibit Hall, special luncheon, and dinner gala.

For more information, call 1-800-683-5555 or visit www.blindness.org

Kid-proof homes for summer

With kids out of school for summer vacation, the house can take a beating. Now is the time to make homes "kid-friendly" for the rough-and-tumble days ahead. Ideas to help prepare:

-No graffiti in the house please: Keep kids from permanently scarring the walls by giving playrooms and bedrooms a fresh coat of paint with a washable interior color. Squiggles from crayons and markers will wash off with a damp sponge, according to Karen Thompson, an expert with The Home Depot.

"You can go one step further and paint a foot-wide strip around the room in pure white high-gloss paint and border it on top and bottom with a strip of stock molding," said Thompson. "Kids can draw on the high-gloss paint to their hearts' content and the molding serves as a tray to hold crayons and markers."

-Bedroom boost: If kids are aspiring interior designers, use the summer months to create a unique bedroom with an extra-wide adhesive wallpaper border in an array of designs-- from underwater motifs, cartoon characters or outer space images. Or, let the kids help sponge paint the

Military News

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Steven R. May, son of Gertrude M. May of Burbank, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, based in Norfolk, Va.

May is a 1970 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank, and joined the Navy in May 1975. He is a 1992 graduate of Chaminade University, Hawaii, with an AA degree.

Army Pvt. Regan M. Packwood has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The soldier developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics.

Packwood is the brother of Ann Venuso of Romeoville, and Walter Packwood of Chicago.

Coast Guard Seaman Nicole S. Bertalmio, daughter of Bruce J. Bertalmio, Chicago, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

In addition to field training, Bertalmio and other recruits received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values-- honor, respect and devotion to duty-- and how to apply them to their military performance and personal conduct. Bertalmio will join 36,000 other men and women who are the Coast Guard's force.

Dominic Angiollo has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, Ind.

ROTC is an educational program designed to provide college students an opportunity to be Air Force officers after completing military study courses and bachelor's degree requirements at a host college or university.

Angiollo is the son of Steven Angiollo of Chicago.

Air Force Airman Ricky K. Stoots has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree

through the Community College of the Air Force.

Stoots is the son of Larry and Rebecca Stoots of Burbank and the grandson of Carolyn Dean of Burbank.

He is a 2000 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank.

Army Pvt. Michael J. Cingrani has recently graduated from the signal support systems specialist course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga.

Cingrani is the son of Dennis P. and Pyong Cingrani of Oak Lawn.

The private is a 1998 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Reynaldo J. Martinez, a 1999 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Martinez and recruits ended their training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evaluation. It culminated with a ceremony in which the recruits were presented with the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines."

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TP car wash owner and neighbors vow to cooperate

By Jude Coyle

The June 25, 2002 Tinley Park Village Board Meeting opened with the presentation of a \$10,000 check from Commonwealth Edison. Maureen Niswonger and Cheryl Hyman represented ComEd. The check is part of a grant and is to be used for economic development strategy and a TIF study.

Al Siegers of the Human Relations Commission spoke about Oktoberfest. Due to uncontrollable circumstances, Oktoberfest will be cancelled, although because of Mayor Edward Zabrocki's encouragement, the parade will go forward. It will be held on Sunday, September 22nd, along Oak Park Avenue. Kick off is at 2PM. This year's theme is 'Tinley Park celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the Rock Island Railroad.' Call (708) 444-5000 for an application to participate.

The Board considered a request from the owner of the Tinley Park Express Car Wash to extend their hours, making them a 24-hour operation. When originally opened, the hours of operation were restricted to 6AM and 10PM. The owners were instructed to apply for extended hours after a 3-year period, and only after proving they could live within the 'good neighbor' policy of the Village.

Mike Honer represented the car wash's interests. This is the only car wash he and his partners own with these restrictions.

This, Mayor Zabrocki said, is the only car wash in Tinley Park with residential neighbors.

Trustee Brian Maher reminded the Board that at the time the original special use permit was issued, Maher was on the Long Range Planning Committee. Neighbors had written letters then stating their concerns about noise and lights during late night hours. Maher wanted to know what Honer plans to do about those concerns now.

Honer responded simply that until such time as the car wash was open all night, he wasn't sure what problems would arise. He and his partners had walked the neighborhood not long ago and spoke to the neighbors, and hadn't received complaints.

Chester Cherkzak and Colleen Thompson spoke next. Both live behind the car wash and neither spoke to anyone about it. Either reported the noise during the day, radios blaring and vacuums in operation, were noticeable, but well within the rights of the business owners. They were concerned that when noises decreased at night the operation noises from the car wash would interrupt their rest.

John Coyle echoed their sentiments. "My wife was approached," Coyle explained. "She sleeps like a rock. I don't."

Honer promised that upon finding it necessary, he would add video monitors and restrict the hours of use for the vacuums. He agreed to work with the community.

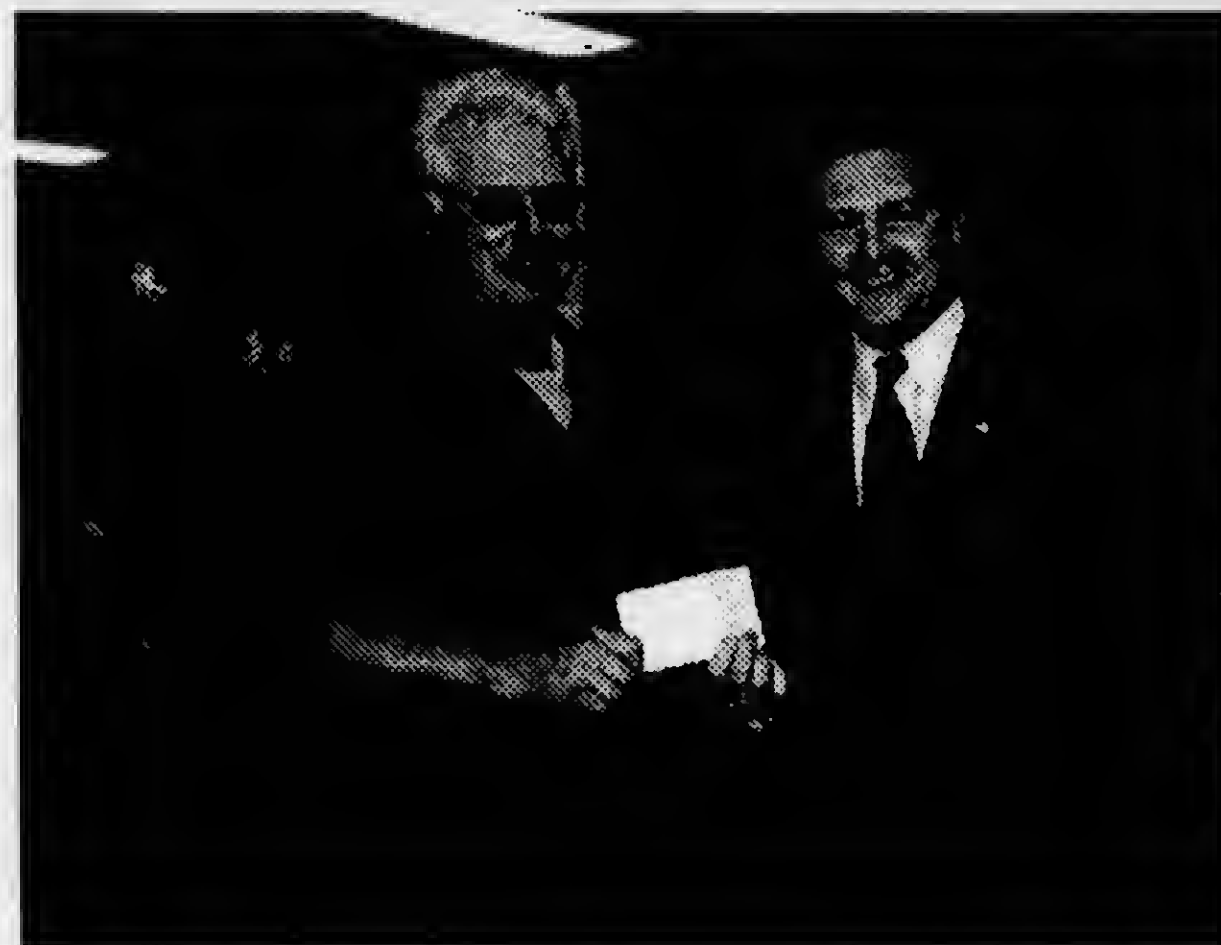
Mayor Zabrocki and the Village Board promised to work with the car wash

owners and the neighbors towards finding an acceptable solution.

Trustee Patrick Rea reminded attendees that he supported the business community. "But," he said, "We must raise the bar on this. The neighborhood existed first, and this should not be allowed to affect the quality of life in that neighborhood."

Also of note, the Board granted a variance and special use permit allowing (4) second story residences to be built as part of an addition to Rubino Italian Imports at 16635 South Oak Park. Each residence would range in size from 1800 to 2000 square feet. The existing building would be resurfaced to match the addition. The variance would allow a 20-foot setback, and two monument signs on the property.

Trustee Rea closed the meeting by describing a sign he saw in a barber-shop window. It was blocking the window, and it looked like something someone would use to advertise a bake sale or after school activity. He's noticed a lot of those along Oak Park of late and did not like it. He wanted to review signage and window ordinances. They should be enforced, he said, or rewritten. Trustee Seaman agreed about the poor effect this had on the town overall, but felt it would be better to approach this on a Village wide scale, and not just concentrate on Oak Park Avenue.



Ryan joins Emerald Society

Attorney General Jim Ryan is presented his membership card to the Emerald Society of Illinois - Irish American Police Association by the President Kevin Taylor.

Orland Park helps 'large scale' businesses

By Jude Coyle

Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin of Orland Park said of the Village Board, "It is our job to keep our business community healthy..." Of a recent increase in sales tax, he said, "...This tax should help improve roads, which many businesses and residents complain about." Bad roads, he hinted, is bad for business.

The increase brought sales taxes up to 8.5%. Not only does the Village Board plan to improve the roads, they plan to eventually rebate a small portion of the property taxes.

Where this seems to be a boon for the Village, it will adversely affect companies who contract for large-scale equipment or services. Most of these companies work outside of the Village, most bid for contracts with companies located outside of the

Village, and most contracts come to several hundred thousand or even several million dollars. Even the smallest sales tax increase can knock a company's competitive legs out from under them.

With that in mind, the Village established a 'Business Development Agreement.' Each quarter the Village will rebate .5% in sales tax to the businesses that qualify, hopefully allowing these same businesses to retain their competitive legs.

In order to qualify, a company must provide services on a 'large scale'. They must submit a plan for participation to the Village. They must make improvements to the business such as increasing the number of employees, expansion or by purchasing capital equipment for their use.

This is a two-year pilot

program. In order to continue receiving their rebate after the two years expire, companies must live up to their initial agreement with the Village.

The Village Board reviewed potential business development plans for two companies at the June 17th meeting. The companies are Martin Implement Sales, Inc. and Craig Millwork, Inc.

Trustees were not thoroughly happy with the language of the ordinances establishing the agreements with either company. Trustee Murphy asked if using the parameters laid out in the ordinances, a restaurant could apply for a sales tax rebate.

Trustee Fenton recommended that the ordinances be tabled until the wording is improved.

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Guzdziol addresses concerns about new Metra parking lot

By Jude Coyle

Steve Dell and Lorin Spelios of Kemper Sports opened the June 18 Village Board Meeting. They provided an overview of Water's Edge Golf Course's financial status.

For the month of May, rounds of golf were down by 30% throughout the Chicago area. Water's Edge was down by 2500 rounds. This was due to poor weather and a poor economy.

The restaurant began the year by holding special events like fish fries and a Mother's Day brunch. Advertisements with coupons appeared in local papers. An outside grill is used at lunchtime. Hopefully, Steve Dell joked, the aroma is enticing golfers into the restaurant.

Capital improvements include a new scrolling sign on 115th and Harlem, and a bike path east of the Sepia station and west from Metra to the Canal.

The Golf Course is of-

fering money saving packages. For \$84, frequent users of the driving range can purchase \$147 worth of balls and time. There are other packages as well.

Once the presentation ended Mayor Edward Guzdziol headed right into a discussion about the new Metra parking lot. He said that Metra has had three letters on file from residents on Crandall and Worth Avenues since 1997. Those people approached Metra saying they were willing to sell. During the month of May, he passed on four letters to Metra, three from the original homeowners, plus one more.

His understanding of the preservation ordinance was that the homeowner would have the option to sell or to rehab.

He had received a letter about the June Park Board meeting chastising him for being rude. He was not, he said. He was performing

as a brokering agent between Metra and the homeowners.

Christine Brooks spoke next. She is the curator of the Worth History Museum, and with husband, Carroll, owner of the last property directly affected by the Metra sale. She spoke of the pressure she felt about their decision not to sell, and about prior conversations with Mayor Guzdziol. She said, "According to the Reporter newspaper you envision a commercial district similar to Palos Heights, where businesses along Harlem Avenue ... (has) large rear lots. You said that revenues collected from commuters ... parking lots, and a boost in sales tax revenues Would outweigh any loss in property taxes. So I ask you, Mayor Guzdziol, whose home is really safe. And when do we say enough is enough?"

She presented Attorney Mat Delort with a petition signed by 800 people, three hundred of which are residents of Worth. More petitions, she said, are coming.

Jack Kinelly, homeowner and business owner, spoke. Most people who use the Metra lots come in from outside of Worth, before the business day begins, and leave after closing. Lost property taxes, he said, affects more than the Village, but also the school districts, the park district and the library. He couldn't see disrupting a neighborhood that has been there for years when half the parking lot will empty out when the Palos Heights lot opens.

Judy Meeks complained that traffic on Crandall is a nightmare now when the trains come in.

Paul Nelson wanted to know about the streets and sewers being torn up now by Metra riders. What would happen when more people parked on Crandall? "Given the fact we can't handle what (the repairs) we have today."

Mayor Guzdziol replied that the Village doesn't have the right to tell people who to sell to.

An audience member asked if residents had a right to say they didn't want the traffic this would create.

Mayor Guzdziol tried to put this on hold, saying there wasn't much the Village could do that night. Still, voices from the audience continued, insisting they did not want the traffic, nor did they want to look at a parking lot there. Neighbors did not want bright lights from the lot shining in their windows at night. Mayor Guzdziol stated that this block was zoned for business because the owners wanted to sell. No, others insisted, one of the residents conducted business from her home.

Again Mayor Guzdziol tried to return to the agenda. The outcry continued. Trustee Georgia Prendergast reminded the room that Metra had three criteria to be met before a lot could be built. The residents must be ready to sell, the municipality must welcome them, and the residents must want it all well. Years earlier, Building Superintendent Joe Johnson told Metra that the climate wasn't right.

Mayor Guzdziol, a trustee at the time, backed Johnson.

Attorney Mat Delort explained that the Village could be sued because the business zoning has been in effect for 20 years. The Village Board could not vote to stop it that night, but if Metra bought the property, they would have to face the Zoning Board for a special use permit. That could be denied. The Clerk's office has the names of the Zoning Board members.

Again, Mayor Guzdziol tried to continue. Trustee Prendergast tried to interrupt and was ordered down. Others tried to speak and were ordered to sit. Interruptions continued until Carroll Brooks was recognized. "Can you at least call Metra and tell them the neighbors don't want this?" he asked.

"Sure," Guzdziol replied, "I'll call tomorrow."

The Board addressed the agenda next. They voted to go out to bid for a

building at the boat dock, a picnic pavilion and an irrigation system. All money would come from a grant.

The Board voted to expend not more than \$1600 for a defibrillator to be placed in a squad. Funds for this was donated by a resident who didn't want to be recognized. The Village plans to purchase two more using grant money. A firefighter has been trained to train others on the defibrillators.

Approval for a business license for Century Recovery at 7250 Southwest Highway was tabled until someone could go there. Apparently they had asked for parking for four vehicles, but when someone visited last, 9 were parked about the building.

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Some urging Illinois not to invest in Israel

Illinois Governor George Ryan has signed HB4159, which was initiated by State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka. The law allows the treasurer to invest in Israeli bonds. So far, the state has invested \$10 million.

Leaders of the Arab and Muslim communities are calling on the Governor and Treasurer not to invest in Israel based on their belief that Israel is an occupying country and there is a chance that Israel will use the proceeds from the bonds for illegal actions such as building illegal settlements in occupied Palestinian territories and

purchasing weapons to kill Palestinians.

It is the Arab and Muslim communities' belief that American money and investments should be used for the best interest of Americans and the priority should be always for local issues, such as funding for schools instead of high risk foreign investments.

In addition, such a law is offensive to American and Arab Muslims because the investment will help Israel in continuing its illegal occupation of Palestinian territories by supporting it financially, they believe.

Sound advice begins at Sertoma

Noise-induced hearing loss is a major health concern. While regulations exist to protect a person's hearing at work, similar guidelines do not exist to protect the public's hearing in recreational activities.

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Heated dicussion over house at the Oak Lawn Meeting

By Erin Traynor

Oak Lawn residents really love their village. That was about the only thing those in attendance at the July 9 Village of Oak Lawn regular meeting were in agreement on when it came to the topic of 5466 Edison Avenue. Oak Lawn resident Thomas Culkin wants the village to allow him to subdivide the lot he owns at that address, which is in the heart of the fabled "Oak Lawn Lake" area. The home on the property dates back to 1915 but, as President Kolb acknowledged, "the house is not historical." What Culkin, a carpenter who immigrated from Ireland in 1988 and settled in Oak Lawn in 1996, owns is an aged wooden-frame home that is an eyesore in a neighborhood of mostly well-maintained, charming older homes. The lot the house stands on, however, is large-but not quite large enough to subdivide to two required 55-foot lots. Culkin wants to subdivide the lot into a 46-foot lot and a 47-foot lot and Trustee Robert Streit and

many area residents passionately oppose Culkin's plans.

Culkin, who stated he is travelling in late July with his fiancée to be married in his native Ireland, stated he wants to tear down the home he says has "served its purpose well but has become too much of a headache" and build a new one for he and his soon-to-be bride. He stated his reason for building two homes on the land-one to live in and one to sell-is that his bank will finance his plans only if he subdivides the lot. It is the two homes on smaller lots that has neighbors concerned about the change to the character of their neighborhood and, as one resident stated, "the precedent this variance will set. What will we have next year? Forty foot lots?"

Several of Culkin's neighbors were in attendance to express their support or opposition to Culkin's plans. Mrs. Timmel, a neighbor who lives behind the lot in question, was in favor of Culkin's plans, stating, "Two

nice, new homes will improve the neighborhood." Lucy Shagrew, a resident of Oak Lawn for 40 years, was one of the evening's most eloquent speakers and opposes the plans.

"We love our neighborhood," stated Shagrew, "We moved here forty years ago from Chicago and it has been a wonderful place to live and to raise our children. We feel sorry for Mr. Culkin and want him to be our neighbor, to enjoy raising his family here as we have, and we support him in building a new home, but to crowd two homes onto a small space will set a precedent. We're not Chicago, we're Oak Lawn."

Also speaking that evening was Dan Lynch, the owner of a home President Kolb had referenced earlier in the evening as being a "well-maintained, historical home". Lynch urged the Trustees to open up the communication to residents regarding Culkin's plans for the homes he'd like to build, so

neighbors could have the information they'd need to know whether to support or oppose Culkin's plans. Several other neighbors loudly, but politely, objected Culkin's plans, mainly on the issue of building two homes "to make money" and their opinion that Culkin, a trained carpenter and skilled craftsman, deliberately let the current fall into disrepair so his subdivision plans would easily pass. Culkin previously failed to have this plan approved five years ago.

Trustee Streit, who earlier in the evening proposed an architectural review board for the village, voiced concerns that putting up two modern homes would dramatically alter the feel of a charming, unique community. Culkin countered with his desire to meet with village officials, neighbors and review boards to settle on a plan everyone could agree on. After tense words between a resident, also a carpenter, in opposition to Culkin's plans and President

Kolb, the matter was tabled until the August 13 meeting so neighbors, Culkin and the village's Planning & Development Commission could meet on the matter.

Another issue that caused bantering among Kolb, Trustees and residents was the approval of the Waste Disposal Contract with Waste Management Corporation. Trustee Marjorie Ann Joy moved that the village go out to bid. A village resident identified by Trustees and Kolb as "Joe" began a dialogue between himself, trustees and a representative of Waste Management, when he questioned an increase in fees the company would impose on Oak Lawn. The rep from Waste Management cited increased tipping fees charged to his company by a landfill in Pontiac, Illinois that receives Oak Lawn's trash. When pressed by "Joe" to name the owner of the landfill, the rep said he wasn't sure who the owner was but said it wasn't Waste Management. Trustee William

Keane said it would be senseless to put the contract out to bid, saying the "village" would suffer due to poor service" and "I don't want my phone ringing off the hook on weekends" due to a drop in service. The motion went to a vote, with Trustees Keane, Hurckes, and Stancik voting in favor of extending Waste Management's contract, and Trustees Joy, Rosenbaum, and Streit opposing. President Kolb broke the tie with a vote in favor of Waste Management, granting the contract extension with increased fees.

After tension and heated words, the meeting ended on a light note, with approval of a Class 1 and N Liquor License for Michael Quigley and Michelle Michael, new owners of Reilly's Daughter. President Kolb introduced Boz O'Brien, longtime owner of Reilly's, who sold to Quigley and Michael, owners of the wildly popular Quigley's Pub in Naperville, a pub that features a bar and fixtures imported from Ireland and is famed for its atmosphere and authenticity. Kolb thanked O'Brien for the contributions that the success of Reilly's daughter made toward Oak Lawn, and he explained how Quigley and Michael plan to rehab Reilly's to make it more like a restaurant. Trustee Joy inquired of the new owners if they planned to continue Reilly's beloved Irish Soda Bread Contest and Michael joked, "We're here to recruit new judges!"

The next regular meeting of the Village of Oak Lawn will be held on August 13 at 8pm in the upper level conference room at Village Hall.



Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) presents William Engel with an award at the Sheriff's Annual Employee Awards Ceremony held recently to honor employee excellence. Engel, who resides in Oak Lawn,

has been with the Cook County Sheriff's Office since 1971 and works in the Cook County Department of Corrections.

Also pictured is Executive Director Ernesto Velasco.

Chamber bike trip

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors Club will host a bike/walk trip on the Chicago lakefront on Sat., Aug. 10.

Bikers will meet at Lake Shore Drive and 55th St. at 9 a.m. or at Lake Shore Drive and 31st St. at 9:15 a.m. and ride along Lake Michigan to Navy Pier. A lunch is scheduled.

Riders are invited to bring family and friends and join Chicago Southland Chamber members for a few hours of fun, sun, good food and networking.

Those interested in participating in the bike trip are asked to call the Chamber office at 708-957-6950 to make reservations.



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Illinois geology show

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford Ave., will feature "Coal Swamps, Coral Reefs, & Continental Glaciers: A Look at Prairie State Geology," presented by Raymond Wiggers, author of the popular earth science guidebook *Geology Underfoot in Illinois* on Tuesday, July 23 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The slide program illustrates scenic locals and geological sites in Illinois, including the shorelines of Lake Michigan and the cliffs of the Shawnee National Forest. To register for the event, visit the Circulation desk or call 708-423-7753. There is no charge to attend.

Local politician turns into a musical sensation

by Annette Dixon

Oak Lawn resident Dave Gallagher has turned what was once merely a musical talent into a blossoming career. His July 26th performance is a musical tribute concert to the songs of Barry Manilow, titled "Beautiful Music". He will be performing Friday, July 26th at Thorne Auditorium, 375 East Chicago Ave., at 8:00 p.m. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m.

Once a Republican party electioneer, campaign manager, Deputy Township Commissioner, Dave also worked for former IL House Representative Maureen Murphy, and was the youngest elected official in the state of Illinois. Dave used to sing on the bus on the way to Springfield. People didn't take his talent

seriously while Gallagher sang for fun working in politics. In 1983, he was elected as an Oak Lawn Library Board Trustee at the age of 19. By the time he was 30, he had attended the inaugurations of former presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush and George W. Bush.

Dave had his fling with politics and needed a change. It was one evening at Gentry of Chicago on State Street when Becky Menzie asked Dave to sing. Dave sang one of Jim Brickman's numbers and sang to the delight of Brickman that he was asked to go on tour.

Dave went to Las Vegas, London, New York, it was in 1998, there in New York when he stayed to pursue his career.

Oak Lawn business owner

By Jen Haberkorn

Oak Lawn resident Jim Bracken says he is 25 years old. His daughters, Kelly, 24 and Shannon, 19, would agree. So would some of his customers in his optical store, which he has been in operation for 25 years.

He hasn't found the fountain of youth, per se. Bracken was just happy when he was 25 and decided to stay that age.

"I was emotionally, spiritually, and physically in great shape," he said. "So I thought why don't I stay this like?"

Age is only one of Bracken's philosophies. As the owner of AED Optical, 8707 S. Ridgeland, he has figured that he would run his store only to benefit others.

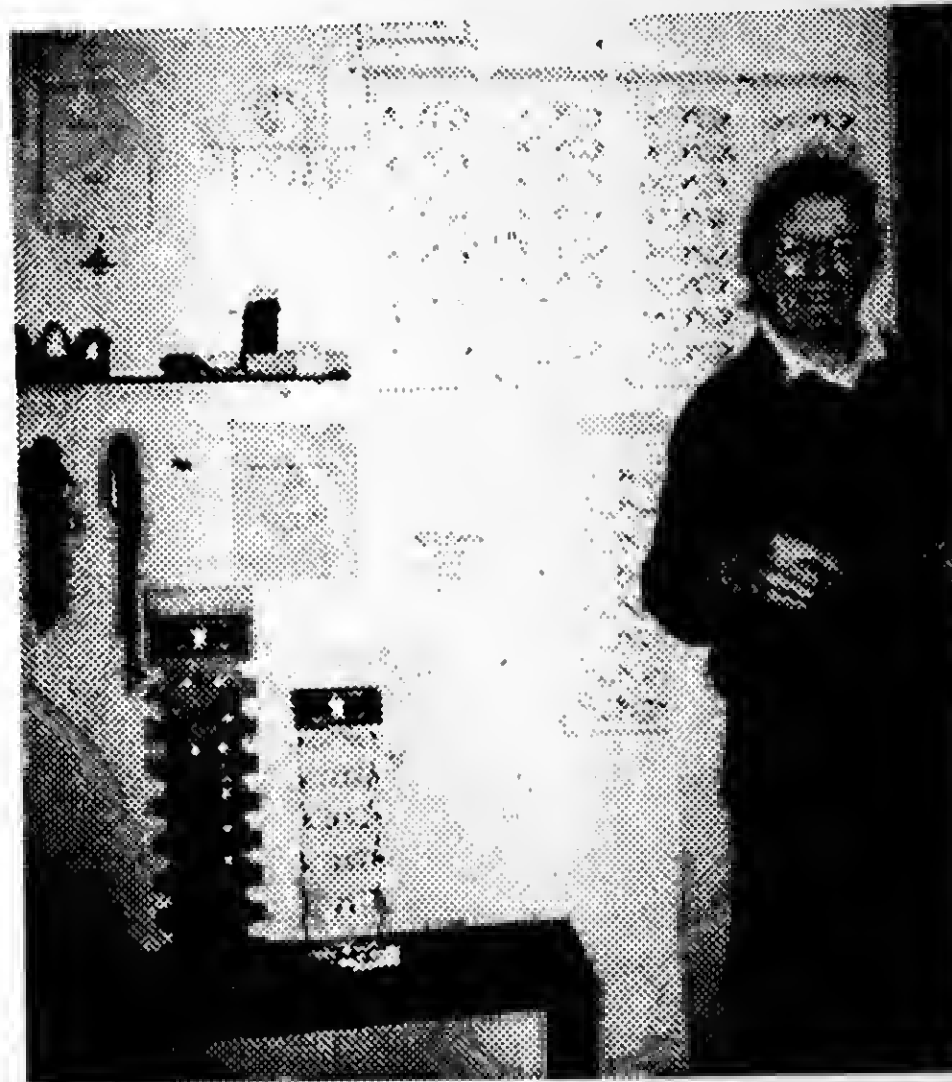
"Then you can't help but help yourself," he said.

Bracken's focus isn't just on making money, he has a genuine concern for his customers.

"I want them to walk out looking good and seeing good," he said. "I won't let them look bad."

"Sometimes customers come in just after I've closed," he said. "I usually open the door and take care of them."

AED sells eyeglasses and lenses usually at wholesale prices, he said.



He and his wife, Barbara, opened the store 25 years ago in Chicago.

They left the Chicago location ten years ago and have been in Oak Lawn ever since. Bracken said he wasn't eager to move from the Chicago location, but likes being in Oak Lawn.

"I could be selling glasses in the alley and I'd be happy there," he said.

Bracken is a self-named "people person." When he began college, he planned on working in accounting. Then he realized how much he enjoyed people and figured numbers wouldn't be very ex-

citing.

"I changed my major quickly," he said. "Now, I love my job."

Aside from his business, Bracken is also an avid golfer.

However, it's Bracken's philosophies that have shaped how he raised his family. He not only speaks his philosophies, but lives them as well, he said.

"I've raised two great daughters, maybe some of it rubbed off on them," he said.

Host families needed

Pacific Intercultural Exchange is looking for homes for 5 girls and 6 boys in Illinois. There is no such thing as a typical host family. If you are a single-parent, retired, have small children or teens, you can have a great experience with these teens.

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Call the international headquarters at 1-888-743-8721 or Regional Coordinator Greg Kingsley at 1-877-8949.

Library events

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., is hosting a variety of events this summer, some of the events include:

Learn about the dinosaurs on July 18 at 1 p.m. at the library. Examine a tyrannosaur's tooth, an iguanodon's thumb, or a velociraptor's claw with children's book author, Janey Riehecky. Learn the latest theories of how the dinosaurs lived, what they ate, and why they fought.

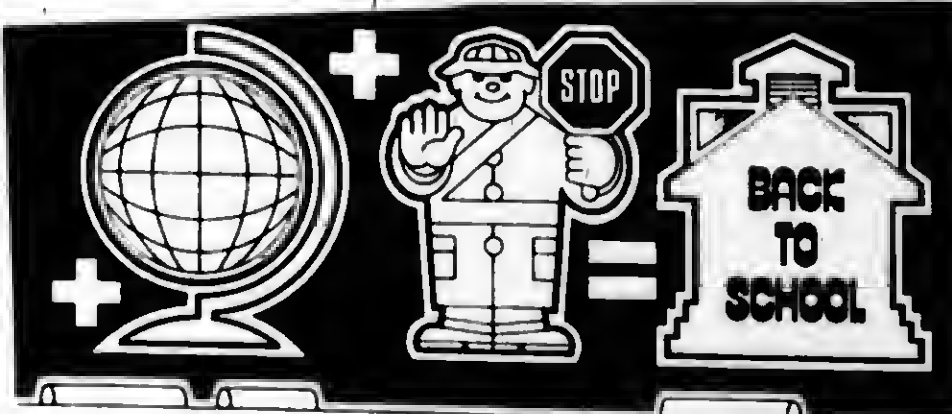
Neil Whitman, Singer of Songs, Teller of Tales, will perform a variety of original songs on July 31, at 2 p.m. at the library. The program will appeal to children and adults of all ages.

Registration is required for both events, call 708-422-8522.



Dave Gallagher sings Beautiful Music.

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AFL-CIO endorses Durbin, Blagojevich

Signaling the beginning of its push to elect candidates that will put forward an agenda to boost working families, delegates to the Illinois AFL-CIO voted in Springfield today to endorse U.S. Senator Dick Durbin for reelection and Rod Blagojevich for Governor in the November election.

The state AFL-CIO, which represents nearly one million union members and 1,500 local unions, also endorses Pat Quinn (Lt. Governor), Jesse White (Secretary of State), Lisa Madigan (Attorney General), Dan Hynes (Comptroller) and Tom Dart (Treasurer) in statewide races.

"The candidates our union member delegates voted to endorse represent a new day in Illinois," said Illinois AFL-CIO President Margaret Blackshere. "They have new ideas, creative solution and they give Illinois working families a chance at a state government that works for all of Illinois."

Endorsements were made on the basis of records while in office, questionnaire results and interviews. Durbin has a lifetime voting record of 96 percent on working

family issues, followed closely by Blagojevich with a 94 percent as a state legislator and congressman. Dart also has a 94 percent record and Madigan an 86 percent mark as state legislators. White accumulated a 98 percent voting record while in the General Assembly.

"Dick Durbin has been a powerful presence for Illinois workers in Washington and he deserves to continue his work," Blackshere said. "Rod Blagojevich stands squarely in the corner of working families. He will lead Illinois into a new era of state government that assures a voice for all its citizens."

The state federation now continues its ongoing voter registration and issue education program focusing on the November 5 election.

"We are going to add thousands to the voter rolls and make sure that the workers in this state know the difference between the candidates and what issues are at stake," Blackshere said.

For a complete list of endorsed candidates, contact the Illinois AFL-CIO at 217-544-4014 or go to www.ilaf-cio.org.

Novel depicts early aviation hero

Pulitzer-prize nominated journalist Ed Leefeldt's "The Woman Who Rode the Wind" describes the little-known aviation heroine Harriet Quimby.

Nearly three decades before Amelia Earhardt captured the imagination of anyone who ever dared to soar, the little-known Harriet Quimby made aviation history. The first female in America to earn a pilot's license, she only conquered the skies, but redefined the possibilities for women in a male-dominated era. Though her fame was fleeting and her name is now obscure, the spirit of her legacy lives on as the inspiration for Leefeldt's literary debut, "The Woman Who Rode the Wind."

"I had become fascinated with those who tried to conquer the air. There was an

innocence about them, a belief that they could make life better for their fellow man. They became my inspiration, especially the little-known aviatrix Harriet Quimby, America's first woman aviator who lived life on her own terms," said Leefeldt.

In this historically authentic novel set in turn-of-the-century Paris, Leefeldt honors aviation's earliest adventures, fearless pioneers of the clouds, such as Quimby. When a wealthy industrialist offers a prize of one million francs to the first person to circle the Eiffel Tower in a flying machine, it sparks an international competition that pits European powers France and Germany against each other, and in turn against America. One woman becomes the unlikely heroine and discovers the world of flight that awaits her.



Matthew releases album

Matthew, a local musical quartet, recently released its Rykodisc debut album, "Everybody Down."

It is a mixture of material that vocalist/guitarist Brian McSweeney described as "pop songs and artier songs."

Rolling Stone.com said, "'Everybody Down' is a serious, introspective pop-rock record steered by the pliant, keeling vocals or songwriter Brian McSweeney and broadened by the nimble, atmospheric touch of producer Paul Q. Kolderier (Radiohead) and Polara's Ed Ackerson."

Matthew is made up of McSweeney, Jason Sipe (guitar), James Scott (bass), and Matt Sumpter (drums). The group began playing together in Chicago in late 1999. After playing around the Midwest for two years, McSweeney decided to wind that quartet down in late 1998 in favor of pursuing a project of his own. Spending a year writing, demoing, and crystallizing the direction of his muse, he reconvened with Scott and Sumpter in late 1999 to form Matthew.

Social planned

The "Evergreens," a social group out of Evergreen Park, meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the auditorium of the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St.

Dues are \$4 per year. A \$1.25 fee per meeting is paid at the door to cover refreshments. The group enjoys games, activities, ice cream socials, and an annual Christmas party.

Fireside presents The Sound of Music

The Fireside will be filled with the sound of music from the world's most beloved musical. Rodgers and Hammerstein's last Broadway offering turned out to be their most enduring and popular show ever and The Fireside is pleased to bring it to life in a brand new, vibrant production. Winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical and an Academy Award for Best Picture, "The Sound of Music" has won a place in the American heart and mind for all time.

A cast of Broadway and Regional actors present the tale of the Von Trapp family—their struggles and triumphs, their faith and their love. A gorgeous musical score, lovely costumes, sweeping emotion, and an inspirational message fill their time-honored show that practically invented the term "family entertainment." The Fireside's production will be entertaining families from throughout the Midwest from July 18 through Sept. 29.

Directed by Ed Flesch, the

production features Tara Lynn Cotty of New York as Maria, a role she has performed twice before. Tara holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from The Boston Conservatory. Mary Grace Gordon, who also appeared in The Fireside's production of "Phantom" will mark her seventh production of "The Sound of Music," portraying The Mother Abbess. Mary Grace holds a Master of Music in Voice Performance from Florida

State University and currently resides in New York.

The remaining adult roles were cast from The Fireside's New York auditions while the Von Trapp children were cast locally.

The Fireside is located on Business Hwy 26 on the south side of Fort Atkinson, Wis. "The Sound of Music" will be performed nine times per week Wednesday through Sunday. Dining is required for all performances. For tickets or more information, call 1-800-477-9505 or visit www.firesidetheatre.com.

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Northwestern Business College plans move

By Jude Coyle

On July 11, 2002 Attorney Joseph E. Pecko, Attorney E. Michael Ciesla of Ciesla & McGill, Ltd. And Mr. Toni Sapata, Campus Director of Northwestern Business College asked the Hickory Hills City Council to consider their request for a variance.

Northwestern Business College, now located at 8020 W. 87th Street plans to relocate to 95th and 88th Avenue. Currently a portion of that location serves as a parking lot for the Sabre Room.

City statute requires businesses to provide one parking space for each 1000 square feet of building. The Sabre Room has 765 parking spaces, many of which are never used. Representatives from the school are asking for a variance that would allow the Sabre Room to reduce the number of parking spaces by about 250.

Mr. Sapata explained that school officials plan to build a two-story education center, with classrooms, computer labs and

office space of college personnel. They also plan to land bank parking. In other words until more parking is needed, the school will maintain green space where the parking would be built.

Alderman Margaret Lustig asked about financial impact and what would replace the loss in property taxes if the school was built.

Mr. Pecko explained how Illinois State statute excludes instructions such as schools of higher learning from paying property taxes.

The piece of property in question, now a parking lot, generates about \$2,000 annually in property taxes. By building here, the college would be allowed to rent out space in their current building, thus returning it to the tax rolls. That, Pecko explained, would generate more tax dollars than the parking lot does now.

He cited facts and figures pertaining to a monetary cycle fueled first by tuition, then salaries and

sales at local business, and again figures created by bringing students into a new area, and their needs for housing, food and other essentials. His figures, he said, came from a study completed by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Attorney Michael Ciesla said that the closing date on this property was 7/15. "A drop dead date," he said. Because of various hitches, the date had been pushed back several times. The owner wanted to bring this to a conclusion.

Alderman Michael Howley commented that he hadn't seen the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to that evening. He wanted time to review the information and make the proper decision.

"Frankly," Howley said, "If I'm forced to vote on this tonight, I'll vote no." He moved to table the issue until the next meeting. The Council agreed. Mayor Jack Faddis instructed Northwestern's representatives to seek a 30-day extension to the closing.

LuAnn Massich owns a white frame home on 84th Avenue. She described it as two lots, with the house built four feet over the lot

line, and near the back of the property. She plans to build a 6-foot privacy fence in back, and a four-foot picket fence in front. She has dogs, and hopes to discourage them from jumping out, and kids from climbing in.

City code allows for picket fences to rise no more than 3 feet. She asked for a variance, citing not only the dog's security, but also the odd shape of her property. Aldermen again moved to table the issue, as they wanted a chance to view the property first.

Alderman Kathleen Riley of the Public Works Committee asked the Council to approve an expenditure of \$7,200, the cost to survey the water system for leaks. "Water leaks can be very expensive," she explained. She also asked for \$15,00 to be used to purchase a new box for the street sweeper. Both requests were approved.

Alderman Lustig reported that she, Aldermen Walter Potacki and John Moriano had attended the last Park Board Meeting. The Park Board plans to hire an architect to design a project at Kasey Meadows. The Aldermen suggested that the architect be used to address a parking problem on 92nd Place. Spectators park on both sides of the street during ballgames, squeezing 92nd Place down to one lane, thus creating traffic jams. The Park Board wasn't receptive.

Reagan honored

America's 40th President, Ronald Reagan, will be honored on the date of his birth, under a new law cosponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

Senate Bill 1553 declares Feb. 6 of each year as Ronald Reagan Day to honor the former President's birthday. The day would be commemorative and would not be a legal school holiday.

"From humble beginnings in America's heartland, Ronald Reagan became one of our nation's most revered presidents," O'Malley said. "Taking the values he learned from our prairie state, he went on to change America and eventually the world by presiding over the demise of the former Soviet Union. It is only fitting that we in the State of Illinois pay tribute to one of our most beloved sons by honoring him on his birthday."

At 91, Reagan has lived longer than any other American president. In addition to Illinois, 15 other states signed proclamations honoring Reagan's birthday- Arkansas, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Utah, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Kansas, Idaho, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, North Dakota and Virginia.

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Hospitality nominations sought

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau announced their 7th annual hospitality marketing and customer service awards program this week.

The CSCVB's Hospitality Marketing Awards competition highlights the marketing accomplishments of Bureau members during the past fiscal year. Members submit their best printed and collateral materials, advertisements, websites, menu designs, and promotional packages for judging by an unbiased panel of tourism and advertising/public relations professionals. The awards are distributed at the Bureau's Annual Membership Awards Luncheon, Thursday, Sept. 26 at the Holiday Inn Matteson, 500 Holiday Drive.

The Service Person of the Year Awards recog-

nizes stellar employees in two separate hospitality categories, hotels/motels and general membership. These awards honor hospitality employees who go above and beyond the call of duty to provide extra customer service to Chicago Southland visitors.

Additional awards that will be presented at the Bureau's Sept. 26 Annual Luncheon include the 2003 CSCVB Member of the Year Award, Municipal Leader of the Year Award, Aldo DeAngelis Leadership Award, Linda Morgan Award (for volunteerism), and awards of merit.

The awards programs are open to all members of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau. For additional information or nomination forms, contact Bob Lukens at the Bureau at 708-895-8200.



Ryan named person of the year

Governor George H. Ryan was awarded the Person of the Year Award from Maryville City of Youth during a ceremony in Arlington Heights. The award is presented by Father John Smith, Executive Director of Maryville City of Youth. Pictured left to right is Father Smith and Governor Ryan.

St. Luke's receives fragment of WTC

A fragment of the destroyed World Trade Center has been given to St. Luke Orthodox Church, 10700 S. Kean Ave., to be mounted in its new bell tower as a memorial.

Father Andrew Harrison, pastor of the Palos Hills church, returned Friday from New York, where he has driven to pick up a portion of a steel beam from the site of the Sept. 11 attacks. He was granted access to the site and met several of the workers. The beam was brought back with an American flag draped over it, and is to be kept at the church until it is installed in the bell tower.

A representative from New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's office had called Father Harrison on June 13, informing him that the church's request for a portion of material from the twin towers had been granted.

When the attacks on the World Trade Center occurred on Sept. 11, St. Luke's parish was undergoing a church building project that included an educational complex and a bell tower.

The bell tower is near completion and will be dedicated to the memory of those who perished on Sept. 11.

The tower will be dedicated in a solemn ceremony on Sept. 11, 2002. Bishop Job of Chicago will officiate. It will be the first time the new bells, which are being cast in bronze in Russia, will be rung.

The plan is for the steel piece to be mounted in a prominent place on the bell tower along with a plaque memorializing the victims of the terrorist attacks.

For more information, contact Harrison at 630-243-0893 or www.stlukeorthodox.com.

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Contact our office now to find out how you can take advantage of this program.

*Spaces must be purchased in sets of two (2), otherwise they are \$700.00 each. Price does not include \$75.00 administration fee.

Las Vegas trip

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizen Services and Travel Log will present their plans for a trip to Las Vegas. The presentation will take place on Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. The trip is scheduled for Oct. 21-25 at Treasure Island. The cost will be \$499. RSVP for the presentation at 422-8776.

Toddler storytime

The Evergreen Park Library, 9400 S. Troy, is offering its Toddler Time program, an interactive story time program for children 18 to 36 months. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Choose one of the three-week sessions: Tuesdays, July 16-30 at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m., Wednesdays, July 17-31 at 10 a.m., or Thursdays, July 18 - Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the library at 708-422-8522.

Test finds post-operative results

For patients with lung cancer, surgical resection remains the best hope for cure. Desirable long-term goals of surgical resection include not only improvement in survival, but also quality of life. Little is known about how lung cancer surgery affects function and quality of life. A study in this month's issue of CHEST finds that patients who have the option of surgical resection, a simple test may help predict postoperative function and quality of life.

A measurement for diffusion capacity of the lung for carbon dioxide (DLCO) requires patients to inhale gas containing a small quantity of carbon monoxide, hold their breath for 10 seconds, and then exhale. The exhaled gas determines how much carbon monoxide was absorbed.

"We found that the DLCO, which is a very safe and simple test, helps us to predict how a patient will fare after sur-

gery and administer treatment accordingly," said John R. Handy, Jr., M.D., FCCP, of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Oregon Clinic and lead investigator.

At three medical centers, 139 patients participated in the study. It revealed that while preoperative Forced Expiratory air Volume test was not predictive of postoperative quality of life, a low preoperative DLCO was. Also, study patients scored worse on the SF-36 preoperatively than healthy subjects. The quality of life was not affected by surgery.

"Functional and quality of life information are important to measure after surgery so we can explore improved methods," said Handy.

An accompanying editorial in CHEST cautions against the use of DLCO as a sole indicator of postoperative health, but recommends that the results be used in combination with other indicators.

Local resident serves on Navy Icy submarine

Navy fast-attack submarines like USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN-709) are among the most highly technical and elite weapons in all of America's military forces. Designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines, surface ships and targets ashore, Los Angeles-class attack submarines carry an armament of Tomahawk missiles for land attack and MK-48 torpedoes for underwater attack. The fast-attack submarine's crew of 130 sailors is responsible for carrying out some of the most difficult missions the Navy undertakes.

One such submariner is Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John J. Orbon, son of John and Susan Orbon of Chicago. Orbon joined the Navy in October of 1997, after graduating from Marist High School in 1995.

Aboard Rickover, Orbon plays a vital role in the ship's operations.

"I'm responsible for operating and maintaining the mechanical components of the nuclear power plant and related propulsion machinery," said the machinist's mate. "I also have various other duties, such as a welder, line handler, and various administrative duties."

Modern U.S. attack submarines possess inherent characteristics such as endurance, mobility, stealth, multimission flexibility and firepower to counteract anticipated threats. They can operate in both open-ocean and shallow coastal regions with considerable secret while monitoring, assessing and, when necessary, destroying an enemy's ability to wage war.

"The part I enjoy the most about being on board a submarine is the people I work with," said Orbon. "Everyone knows their job and we all work together efficiently to get the job done."

Although attack submarines hold many advantages over surface ships, their greatest asset is their crew. Submariners like Orbon are unique in the Navy community. Submarine duty can require spending up to 115 straight days submerged in a vessel comparable to the size of a three-bedroom house. Daily life aboard a submarine can definitely be a challenge.

Along with the challenging lifestyle comes an innate sense of pride, duty and dedication.

"Submarines can approach a troubled area with

more speed and stealth than any other platform," Orbon said. "They've proven to be a vital contingent in the past, and will continue to do so in the future."

Being assigned to an attack submarine is a mission like no other in the Navy, and for that reason, it offers sailors some very unique opportunities.

"I've been lucky enough to see the Northern Lights through the periscope on two deployments and had the opportunity to see some of Europe," Orbon said. "Among the most exciting experiences I've had was the first time I was on board during an emergency blow test. This is when the ship takes a large angle upward and shoots out of the water."

Submariners like John J. Orbon provide security for the United States and all of its allies and forces worldwide. While the rest of the world goes about its daily life, America and its allies take comfort in knowing these sailors are on watch, always waiting and ready to respond in a moment's notice. Their unseen, unheard protection exists 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

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alumnae will gather at the William Tell Inn in Countryside for the All-School Reunion, featuring special recognition of anniversary classes '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, and '97. Tickets are \$55. All alumnae 21 years and older are invited to attend. Special room rates are available at the William Tell Holidome.

An Alumnae/Faculty Memorial mass will be celebrated Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Queen of Peace's Chapel, 7659 S. Linder, Burbank. A brunch and tour of the school will follow.

Tickets for the golf outing and reunion are limited. Reserve by Aug. 1 by calling Cindy Kmetty at 708-458-7600 or by visiting the Queen of Peace website at www.queenofpeacehs.org.

Queen of Peace

Queen of Peace High School invites alumnae to a 40th Anniversary "All-Alumnae Weekend" Sept. 7-8.

The weekend begins Saturday with the 10th Annual Peace Golf Classic at Carriage Greens Country Club, in Darien. Tickets are \$45 for 9 holes and \$70 for 18 and includes cart, continental breakfast and barbecue.

Saturday evening,

ALS benefit seeking donations

Don Klinger Jr. was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease on Nov. 12 of last year.

ALS is a progressive neurological disease process that steadily causes a loss of function in the muscles needed for body movement, speech, swallowing, and breathing.

Medical insurance does not cover the costs of alternative treatments (there is no medical treatment) supplements, and ongoing expenses.

A benefit is scheduled for Sept. 8 at 115 Bourbon Street, Mejrionette Park. Many donations are needed to ensure the success of the fundraiser. A donation of your choice would be appreciated by the fundraising team. They are specifically hoping for donations of raffle prizes, food, beverages, monetary donations, and auction items.

For more information, contact Linda at 708-424-5626.

or amjuicer@msn.com.

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Outdoor happenings

Beat the heat this summer at the Oak Lawn Park District's Ice Arena, located at 9320 S. Kenton Ave. Open-skate hours are available on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, along with special events.

Celebrate Christmas in July on July 25 from 4:10 to 5:50 p.m. and skate with Santa Claus. Skaters receive free admission to the special open skate by bringing in two non-perishable food items to donate to a local food pantry. Skate-rental fees apply or bring your own skates.

Fall registration for hockey programs will begin on Aug. 4. Stop in early that day to register and shop at the park district's pro shop. A special one-day sale on all inventory will be offered from noon until 5 p.m. Shoppers will receive 25 percent off the ticket price on items such as skates, socks, jerseys, dresses, gloves and sticks. Free youth open hockey will also be available that day from 3 to 4 p.m. for levels Mite and Squirt, and from 4:10 to 5:10 p.m. for levels Pee Wee and Batman. For more information, call 708-857-5173 or e-mail info@olparks.com



Outdoor book sale

The Evergreen Park Public Library will host its 3rd annual outdoor book sale on July 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. at the library, 9400 S. Troy. Music and concessions will also be available.

The library asks to consider donating used books, no magazines or encyclopedias, in good condition. Call 422-8522 for delivery instructions.

Military News

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Alonzo D. Baker, a 1997 graduate of Harold L. Richards High School, Oak Lawn, recently took part in a community relations project in Guam during a Western Pacific deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Navy Airman Chester Bobak, Jr., son of Susan Plachta of Bridgeview, and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mark A. Sikes, son of Lisa and Mark Sikes of Oak Lawn, also took part in the community relations project.

Volunteers aboard the ship worked on beautifying the grounds at a Guam Catholic monastery. They also spent time helping the Camelite Sisters of Guam with grounds maintenance.

Baker, Bobak and Sikes also had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Carriers, like the USS Kitty Hawk, are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

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Bobak is a 2001 graduate of Argo Community High School of Summit, and joined the Navy in June 2001.

Sikes joined the Navy in November 1997.

For more information about the deployment or for high resolution photographs visit the USS Kitty Hawk web site at <http://www.kittyhawk.navy.mil> or the Navy news stand online at <http://www.news.navy.mil>.

Navy Fireman Melissa D. Reyes, daughter of Joyce Schultz of Bridgeview and Tony Reyes of Chicago, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, homeported in San Diego.

Reyes was one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Anaconda.

Reyes is a 2000 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School and joined the Navy in Feb. 2001.

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Fairs fests festivals

by Annette Dixon

Pictures were taken for the Evergreen Park parade recently. The parade was overwhelming, mainly because it was a great tribute to the children. This community shows a real love for its people. Mayor Jim Sexton walked the parade waving and greeting the crowds lined four deep in some places.

Riding in the car behind him, Cathy Aparo and a child, representing again the theme of the parade, We care about our children.

Maureen Murphy, elected official from the Real Estate tax appeal board was on hand

greeting her neighbors for Jack and Maureen are residents of Evergreen Park. She also wants people to know, she is a grandmother. Congratulations, Maureen.

Jack, the Worth Township Supervisor, Murphy stopped to say hello to Marybeth from Homestead Restaurant and Lounge. That away Jack, he was worried that the parade was leaving him behind.

Ed Maloney had supporters all over the place, even the youngster was out campaigning. Well the parade was great, but as usual, the fireworks were superlative.

The temperature the day of the parade was 95 degrees, but the people came from all over and they were of every age. The night of the fireworks was also hot, but there were enormous amounts of people viewing the display

as in the past.

Everyone should definitely thank our local Firefighters, police officers and officials for a great day and evening.

Concert on the Village Green

Oak Lawn had their Concert on the Village Green Sunday, July 14th. They had an outstanding beverage counter and food sold by the boy scouts was great too.

The clean park was so nice when all the people were around enjoying the Blooze Brothers.

Ethan came dressed as Elwood and his brother wore his sunglasses. People were really being entertained. The Blooze Brothers put their heart and soul into their performance. Other musicians in the audience were Cy Holesha and Carl and Michelle.

People to thank are Jim Webb, the local police and Firefighters, and everyone on the committee.



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On Golden Pond opens in Oakbrook

"On Golden Pond" will be the third play of the Drury Lane Oakbrook season, running from Aug. 14 until Oct. 6. Directed by Drury Lane Oakbrook's Artistic Director, Ray Frewen, the comedy will have an eight-week run.

"On Golden Pond" has enjoyed a long life since it was first written by Ernest Thompson, an actor turned playwright, and it appeared Off Broadway in 1979. Its success grew when it became a film in 1981 starring Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda, which won an Academy award, a Golden Globe award, and a Writers Guild award.

The play takes place at the summer home in Golden Pond, Maine, of a spirited elderly couple, Norman and Ethel Thayer.

Ethel will be played by Ann Whitney, who has appeared at Drury Lane Oakbrook in "Me and My Girl" and "Arsenic and Old Lace." Tony Mockus, a veteran Chicago actor who has appeared on the stage as well as in movies and television, will portray Norman. In the play, it is Norman's 80th birthday, which triggers his awareness of his age. The arrival of a 13 year-old boy, their daughter's son-to-be stepson, provides Norman with new vitality as they discover a companionship with spans the generations.

Working with Frewen will be Kurt Sharp as set designer and Greg Slawko as costume designer.

Tickets range from \$19 to \$25. For reservations, call 630-530-0111.

McAuley freshmen awarded scholarships

Mother McAuley High School recently awarded 13 scholarships to legacy students entering their first year. Both the Tradition of Excellence Award and the Alumnae Faculty and Staff Scholarship are available to incoming freshmen daughters of Mother McAuley and St. Xavier Academy alumnae who take the entrance exam and are accepted at Mother McAuley.

Through the Tradition of Excellence Award, the St. Xavier Academy/ Mother McAuley Alumnae Association recognized a family's commitment to a McAuley education and its tradition of excellence. Eligible students were required to write an essay on how a McAuley education benefited her mother and why she wants to continue the tradition. Essays were judged by a committee of the Alumnae Board.

The ten students chosen for this award are: Claire Boyle (Chicago, Mt. Greenwood), graduate of Queen of Martyrs School; Anne Marie Fiscella (Oak Lawn) graduate of McGugan Jr. High School; Jennifer Foy (Ever-

green Park), graduate of St. John Fisher School; Kara Gavin (Chicago, Morgan Park) graduate of St. Cajetan School; Courtney Haynes (Palos Hills) graduate of St. Alexander School; Emily McGinnis (Evergreen Park) graduate of St. Bernadette School; and Emily Herbieck (Evergreen Park), Nora Leahy (Evergreen Park), Katelyn Mazurowski (Evergreen Park), and Mary Jane Newell (Evergreen Park) all graduates of Most Holy Redeemer School.

This year a new scholarship was available to legacy students from the Alumnae Faculty and Staff at McAuley. Demonstrating their commitment to continuing the tradition of excellence, McAuley alumnae faculty and staff established three scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen. Students were required to write an essay about why they chose McAuley. Jennifer Foy, Anne Marie Fiscella, and Erin Dillon (Evergreen Park) graduate of Most Holy Redeemer; were presented the scholarships at their awards ceremonies.

Bye Bye Birdie tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale now for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's summer production of "Bye Bye Birdie," the 1960 musical that tells the tale of Conrad Birdie, a young rock star, and his exploits before being drafted into the army. In the production, Andy Kolanowski of Lansing will portray the title character, and Eric Walton of Orland Park will play his manager, Albert Peterson. Orland Park's Lisa Geiger will play Kim Macafee, the 15 year-old Birdie fan club member who has been selected to be a part of Birdie's farewell publicity stunt. Her parents will be played by Oak Lawn's John Boss and Tinley Park's Lauren Carroll. Gina Vitucci of Mokena will play Rosie, Peterson's secretary, and Chicago's Daniel Frank will play Kim's boy-

friend, Hugo Peabody.

Tinley Park's Mark Gorka will be the show's producer. Assisting him are Monee's Curt Lang as director and Monee's Tammy Lang as assistant director. The musical director is Palos Heights' Liz Griffin, the choreographer is Chicago's Dawn Schnolic, the conductor is Chicago's Bill Hansen and the set designer is Burbank's Gil Oliva. Paul Nirchi of Orland Park and Dave Heilmann of Oak Lawn are co-executive producers.

Performances are scheduled for Aug. 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Ticket prices are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$14 for children. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call 708-857-2200.



"Little Shop of Horrors" to open

There will be strange forces at work at the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival when "Little Shop of Horrors" opens on July 25 at the Mother McAuley Auditorium.

The story begins by introducing the employees of a flower shop in Skid Row. The lonely and nerdy Seymour played by Billy Vitucci has found a strange and unusual plant named Audrey II that he thinks might help the plant store he works for increase their business.

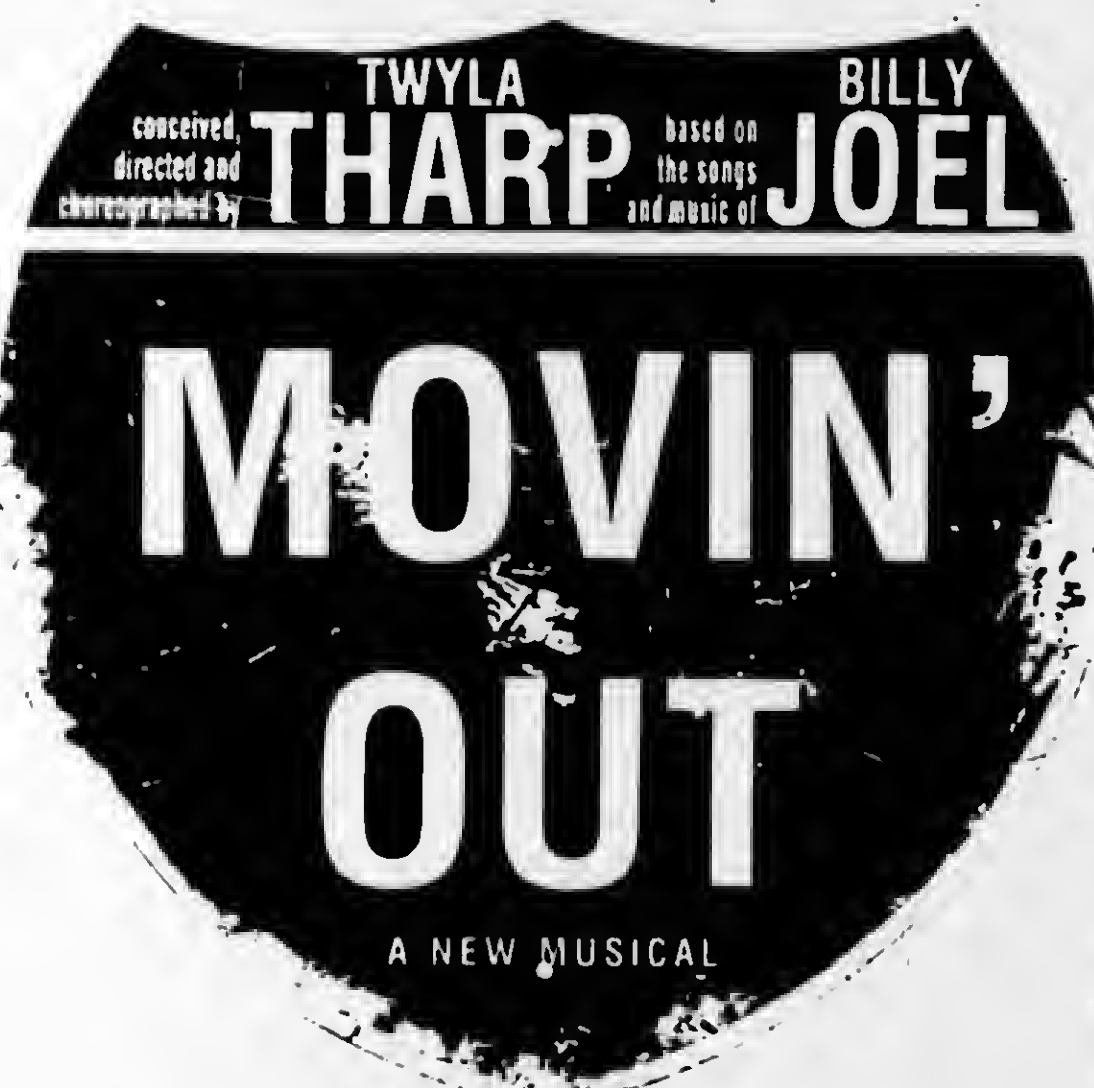
Seymour gets more than he bargained for after he realizes the plant can only survive by eating human blood. At first a couple pricks with a needle on the tips of his fingers do the trick, but as the plant continues to grow, more drastic measures must be taken in order to satisfy the plant's unquenchable thirst.

Soon the tiny plant is out of control as Seymour discovers he has a plant from outer space.

Erin Barry Clair will be performing the role of Audrey, the object of Seymour's affection. Other characters consist of Mr. Mushnik (played by Andy Lambros) the overbearing shop keeper and Audrey's boyfriend Orin Scrivello (played by Mark Jacobsen) who is a dentist obsessed with inflicting pain on his patients. Audrey II is sung by Dan Riely and the trio of Doo-Wop girls is played by Kim Brines, Sydney Niblack, and Jamie Volk.

"Little Shop of Horrors" runs July 25, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m. in the Mother McAuley Auditorium. Tickets are available by calling 773-881-6512. Group rates are available.

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University Club

Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation awarded \$28,000 in scholarships to 14 local high school seniors.

The 2002 recipients of the scholarships were: (back row, left to right) Joseph Kirkland, St. Rita High School; Adam Razik, Evergreen Park High School; Tammy Kulosa, Stephanie Oehmen, Rebecca Oehmen, Morgan Park High School; Dennis Patrick Morrin, Mt. Carmel High School; Meredith Ann DuMais, Mother McAuley High School; Emily Margaret Laneve, Evergreen Park High School; Carmen Charity Washington, Morgan Park High School; Joanna Kooyenga, Chicago Christian High School; Megan Poelstra, Annmarie Poelstra, Mother McAuley High School. Not pictured: Vincent M. Churchill, Morgan Park Academy and Oyekolade Agbaje-Williams, Evergreen Park High School.

Volunteers honored by Kohl's Driving class

Local youth are making a difference in the community and are being recognized for their efforts. For the second year, Kohl's Department Stores has selected area children nominated at its stores to be recognized for their outstanding volunteer efforts. This year's nominations doubled the number received last year, signifying that America's youth are committed to making their communities a better place to live.

The Kohl's Kids Who Care volunteer recognition program seeks and recognizes the efforts of kids who contribute in special ways to their local communities. Kohl's created the Kohl's Kids Who Care program to reward youth for their outstanding efforts in volunteerism.

A recent survey conducted by Kohl's found that more than 40 percent of parents say they have increased their involvement in their children's volunteering activities over the last year, emphasizing the important role parents play in encouraging their children to volunteer.

"We all feel a larger sense of community, and to see Kohl's Kids Who Care nominees as young as six who feel that too, you know that kind of responsibility comes from

attitudes in the home," said Susan Crites Price, family and parenting expert and author of *The Giving Family*. "More and more parents are recognizing that volunteering is one of the best ways to build a child's character and self-esteem."

Kohl's store associates selected a total of 741 local store winners from nearly 9,000 nominations in two age categories, 6-11 and 12-18. Each store winner will receive a \$50 Kohl's gift card, and will be considered for post-secondary education scholarships at the regional and national levels. A total of 76 regional winners will be announced in July and each winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The 10 national finalists will be announced in August and each will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship.

Local winners include:

Jenny Brost, 17, Hickory Hills: Volunteers with the International Club for the Kaleidoscope of Cultures.

Anna Colletti, 11, Chicago: Helped a young mother with terminal cancer take care of her young daughter.

Nora Corless, 12: Raised money for 9/11 victims.

Timothy Gabel, 13, Oak Lawn: Volunteers by coaching a special needs hockey

team.

Meaghan Kelly, 13, Oak Park: Started a basketball program in Chicago's Lawndale community.

Katherine Neu, 12, Chicago: Developed the Donation Station.

Adam Roker, 16, Chicago: Volunteers with a Catholic youth group.

"We were impressed by the increased number and exceptional quality of this year's entries," said Julie Gardner, senior vice president of marketing for Kohl's. "Today's youth continue to make a difference in their communities through activities close to their hearts. Whether it's raising funds for national charities or tutoring fellow students, we are inspired and touched by the dedication of these young people. It is our privilege to acknowledge their contributions."

The Kohl's Kids Who Care volunteer recognition program is part of the Kohl's Cares for Kids program which also raised funds for children's hospitals, features fundraising gift cards for local schools and nonprofit youth groups, and provides an employee volunteer program to encourage volunteerism to benefit local nonprofit organizations.

Driving class

"Fifty-Five Alive," a defensive driving program sponsored by AARP, will be offered at the Office of Citizen's Services, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park.

The program will be offered Aug. 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Oct. 22 and 23, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attendance is required on both days.

The refresher course reviews rules of the road for the mature adult. Residents can check with his or her insurance company to see if a discount is offered upon completion of the course.

Sign up for a class in person or mail a \$10 check, including name, address, phone number and session dates to the Office of Citizen's Services.



Chen addresses chamber before meeting Ryan

Antonio Chen, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago addressed the House and Senate Chambers in Springfield, prior to a meeting with Governor George H. Ryan.

New senior community to present retirement seminars

Smith Crossing, a new not-for-profit senior living community being developed in Orland Park, will host "Learn to Retire Well" seminars July 24 and 25.

During the seminars, nationally known author and lecturer Paul Riepma will discuss retirement that encourages life at the highest

levels of health, well being and living.

Interested area residents can secure a reservation for the seminars and complimentary lunch as well as obtain times and locations by calling 708-226-1800.

Washington and Jane Smith Community, a not-for-profit organization that has

been serving seniors for more than 85 years in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, is the new community's sponsor.

Once complete, Smith Crossing will offer older adults a full continuum of senior living accommodations, including cottage homes and apartments, and a town center.

Alcohol more likely to cause injury

Many more people are likely to be injured by drinking and driving this Fourth of July than by fireworks or other causes, according to a trauma expert at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood.

"Alcohol is a major contributor to traffic crashes year round," said Dr. Thomas Esposito, director of Loyola's injury prevention program. "The person is not always legally drunk in those cases but may have been drinking or have alcohol in the vehicle."

Alcohol is involved in about 40 percent of traffic deaths, data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows. Besides almost 17,000 impaired-driving

fatalities, 300,000 Americans suffer injuries in alcohol-related traffic crashes each year.

Approximately 50 percent of all patients seen annually in Loyola's Level I trauma center, for both traffic and non-traffic related injuries, had been drinking at the time of injury, Esposito estimated. A large number of those individuals are legally drunk.

Injury and death are not the only risks of driving drunk. Law enforcement officials are increasing patrols and sobriety checkpoints this holidays weekend, part of the NHTSA's "You Drink & Drive, You Lose National Mobilization" to arrest and prosecute impaired drivers.

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Running camp a success

The Running Macs at Mother McAuley High School completed their 7th annual "Summer Running, Summer Not" instructional running camp last week. Under the direction of Camp Director Sarah Murnane, 14 young and energetic girls ranging in ages from 10 to 14 put in close to a 15-mile week, while learning the basics of a beginning running

program. Camp was held at Mother McAuley High School, and included talks on nutrition, running safety, basic weight training, and an introduction to high school cross country and track. The camp staff included cross country and track coaches Stan Bartecki, Bob Brodsky, and Mary Ellen Clifford.

Pictured left to right, front row, are area residents: Leah

Durham, Kate Murnane, Joanie Donnelly, Meghan O'Neill, Carolyn Clam. Kneeling: Emily Sheffieck, Katie Cunningham, Katy Daker, Laurie Hrad, Kelly O'Donnell. Standing: Stan Bartecki, Sarah Murnane, Erin Kalisz, Caitlin Taffe, Emily McGinnis, and Mary Ellen Clifford. Not pictured is Ashley Barry.

patrons would sign up to use the service.

"I am thrilled that the Talking Book and Braille Service is enriching the lives of so many citizens," White said. "I hope patrons who use this service will spread the word to others about the wide variety of materials available. Our Talking Book and Braille Service is engaged in a determined effort to expand our rolls. We are especially interested in signing up senior adults for the Talking Book program.

White also thanked the directors of the six subregional Talking Book Centers in Coral Valley, Quincy, Carterville, Pekin, Chicago and Geneva for partnering with the TBBS

White opens talking book, braille service

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White today presided over the official opening of a new facility for the Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) in Springfield.

The newly renovated, three-story 20,000 square foot structure, 401 E. Washington, provides books in Braille, descriptive videos, books on cassette, magazines, Internet access and other reading materials for patrons with a temporary or permanent physical or visual inability to read regular printed material. The new facility was made necessary when the Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Chicago closed two years ago. The Illinois State Library assumed administration of the Chicago library's duties, renamed the service and moved its operations to Springfield. The TBBS works with six subregional Talking Book Centers in Illinois to provide reading materials to the print disabled.

"This new facility is a welcome step forward in improving the lives of print disabled citizens who are determined to reach their greatest potential," White said. "The possibilities and opportunities inside this new building are endless, and we gladly welcome patrons to come here and use this facility and its contents."

While nearly 25,000 Illinoisans benefit from the services provided by the TBBS and its subregional centers, White said he hoped more

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Library website holds Oak Lawn's past

By Jen Haberkorn

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond, and its website contains valuables once found in basements, closets, and garbage cans throughout Oak Lawn.

The documents and pictures are now housed in the library's local history section and website and offer a glimpse into the village's past.

Local residents have brought documents to the library where they were scanned and returned to the owner. The scanned copy is placed on the website and in the library, said Jim Webb, a member of the Historical Preservation Commission. Donated items are also accepted.

The library's website offers searchable databases, said Barbara Wolfe, reference librarian. It features photographs, documents, minutes, a newspaper index, and an obituary index.

The photography database features nearly 2,500 pictures.

The document section contains a wide variety of documents, including a 1927 telephone directory, which contains all of the 108 phone

numbers in Oak Lawn at the time; real estate tax bills from 1918, 1920 and 1939; and souvenirs from the 50th anniversary of Oak Lawn's incorporation. Brochures written by the library reference staff are available. Also on the website is the contents of the 1954 time capsule found in June, 2002, cemented in the library's wall.

Minutes are available from various committee meetings, including the Board of Oak Lawn, and School District 229 meetings. Minutes are available from 1997-2002.

Visitors to the website can also search the history of local churches, schools, government, and organizations.

Every type of person has shown an interest in Oak Lawn's history, Wolfe said.

Researchers and genealogists are interested in the obituary and newspaper indexes, and students use the databases for research, Wolfe said.

Some people are even able to research their house, Webb said.

The Historical Preservation Commission designates Oak Lawn structures and areas as historically significant. Brochures with information

and pictures of the homes and buildings are available, Webb said. Pictures are also available online.

There are numerous pictures and documents relating to the Oak Lawn tornado and the Round Up Days.

Programs are available to teach groups, such as scout troops, about local history.

"The kids get excited about it," Wolfe said. "They learn they are connected to the past and will be a part of the next generation's past."

Wolfe said that most people are surprised to learn that Oak Lawn was ahead of the health food craze. The village used to be home to a goat farm, which bottled goats' milk.

Oak Lawn resident Robert Ulatowski agrees that Oak Lawn has a unique history that residents should know about.

However, he said that a lot of people don't know about the library's local history collection, whether they have items to donate or want to research.

All of the materials on the website can be found in the library's local history section, Wolfe said.

The database can be found at www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us.

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Moraine Valley registration underway

Moraine Valley Community College's Fall 2002 semester starts Aug. 19. The college offers a variety of classes for students with different schedules and learning styles.

Moraine Valley offers classes for those interested in transferring to four-year colleges or universities, earning associate's degrees or certificates to enter the workforce, or updating or learning new skills. Moraine Valley has established guidelines to guarantee the transferability of course credits to other colleges and universities. The college also offers many non-credit programs, courses, workshops, and seminars.

The college also offers a virtual learning program. Virtual College classes give students the opportunity to take classes via the Internet. Students discuss class material, interact with their instructor and complete assignments using e-mail, the Internet and other technology.

One-day-a-week, directed

study, and short-term classes are available. Telecourses on videotape offer flexibility and convenience to students by allowing them to attend limited class meetings, set up their own study hours, and work at their own pace.

Weekend classes are also available. Off-campus classes located in Blue Island, Evergreen Park, Orland Park, Summit, and Tinley Park allow for some students to enroll in course that may be closer to home.

Registration is underway now. Classes begin the week of Aug. 19. Tuition is \$51 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone by calling 708-974-2110 (TT/TDD 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at

www.morainevalley.edu.

Public Service Careers

For those who like to help people, a career in public service may be just the ticket. By enrolling in Moraine Valley's Public Service Programs this fall, students can prepare for an exciting and rewarding career in a wide range of professions dedicated to helping others.

The Public Service Programs at Moraine includes challenging classroom experiences and opportunities for on-the-job internships. The combination gives students a competitive edge in today's job market.

Moraine offers classes in the following Public Service Programs this fall: addiction studies, child care, criminal justice, health/fitness technician certificate, private protective services certificate, recreation management, recreation therapy, travel-tourism management.

New regional business leadership group launched

A new business leadership group designed to increase the Chicago region's global competitive advantage to attract and maintain a quality workforce was launched by co-chairs Phil Condit, chairman and CEO, The Boeing Company, and John W. Rowe, chairman, president and CEO, Exelon Corporation. Mayor Richard M. Daley joined leading corporate CEOs at a business briefing where eleven locally based companies were recognized for their exemplary workforce learning and development practices.

"Turning the Chicagoland region into a prime talent pool for the 21st century economy is essential for us to compete on the world economic stage," said Mayor Daley as he recognized the eleven featured companies.

Workforce Chicago 2.0 was formed nearly two years ago as a collaborative initiative among the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), the Human Resources Management Association of Chicago (HRMAC), and World Business Chicago (WBC) to help the Chicago region become a prime talent pool for the 21st century economy.

Through support from the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the initiative provides a framework for businesses to learn about new models of learning and development of all employees.

"Workforce Chicago 2.0 is a business-led initiative that can help all employers understand the advantages of a skilled and knowledgeable workforce," said CAEL President, CEO Pamela Tate.

"From working with businesses all over the country, we see the impact education can make on the quality of employees and how that translates to the bottom line for companies across all industries. CAEL applauds our co-chairs for having the vision to provide the powerful leadership necessary to help launch the Business Leadership Group, which will have a regional impact on both the private and public sector," Tate said.

"We live in a rapidly changing world," said Condit. "The information revolution is changing the way we operate and organize, the way we interact and do business, the way we learn and grow."

The original Workforce

Chicago 2.0 Advisory Board, comprised of company leaders in human resources, designed a two-fold strategy to determine how to best improve the position of the Chicago region regarding workforce training and development: first, to create an annual exemplary practices award for businesses to showcase companies in the region that are doing leading-edge work in their employee training and education programs that can be documented in case studies shared with other companies; and second, to develop a CEO-level business leadership group to raise awareness of the critical importance of workforce development for the region's economy and impact of public sector policies to encourage employee training and development.

This year's recognized companies are: Allstate Insurance Company, Bank One, Bimba Manufacturing Company, Dunlee, Ernest & Young, Golin/Harris International, Motorola Inc., The Northern Trust Company, S&C Electric Company, TruServ Corporation, and the University of Chicago Hospitals.

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St. Laurence students attend conference

Commander Joe Paplaski (far left) and Senior Vice Commander John Michnick (far right) of the James J. Zientek American Legion Post #419 congratulate St. Laurence High School seniors Patrick Flores-Muller, Blue Island (left) and Brandon Udischas, Oak Lawn, on their return from the Boys' State Conference held in June on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The Post financially sponsored the two seniors at the week-long conference which brought together over 600 high school boys from across the state. The participants learned governmental principals, an appreciation of the democratic system and engaged themselves in the actual mechanics of running for office. Also included in the week were athletic and classroom activities

Free pool pass offer

The National Recreation and Park Association in Washington, D.C., has designated the week of July 14-20 as National Aquatic Week. To celebrate, the Oak Lawn Park District is offering a bring-a-friend-for-free promotion at two of its pools. On July 15, 17 and 19 at Centennial Pool, 93rd and Nashville, individuals can purchase an open-swim admission and receive one of equal or lesser value. The offer will be available at Central Pool, 94th and Central, on July 16, and 18. The offers are good for the pools' open-swim session from noon until 4:45 only.

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New genealogical tool on the internet

To the advantage of genealogists, historians and researchers, Secretary of State Jesse White announced that his website now contains an index listing of deaths in Illinois covering 1916 to 1950.

"Our new website database provides information about death certificates filed with the Illinois Department of Public Health for the years 1916 to 1950," White said. "Persons can go to our website to find out whether a death certificate exists, and then go to the State Archives or the appropriate county clerk's office in the county where the death occurred to get a copy of the certificate."

According to White, death certificates contain valuable information to a researcher, such as the deceased person's name, date of death, marital status, birth date and place, occupation, and parents' names.

The State Archives has death records beginning in 1916, the first year the state was mandated to keep such records. From 1877 to 1916, only county governments were responsible for keeping death records, so researchers seeking information about a death during that time span would need to contact the clerk's office from the county

an individual died in. Before 1877, death records were not maintained publicly.

The new database keeps records only until 1950 because of a state law that requires at least a 50-year wait before death indexes can be made available to the public. The database is expected to be updated annually.

White said genealogists, historians and researchers have been asking that this information to be made available on the web.

Other databases available on-line include a statewide marriage index covering the years 1763-1900, lists of Illinois soldiers who fought in 19th century wars, and various county and city records.

Many of the records, such as the death certificate database, are merely lists that acknowledge a record exists. Then the researcher must get a copy of the record, which can usually be done by mail.

Certificates will be provided only for persons who were 25 years old or older at the time of their deaths.

The databases can be found at the Secretary of State's homepage or at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/idph/deathindex.html.

Chicago Magic names MVPs

The Chicago Magic Soccer Club has announced its Most Valuable Players for all of its teams at its awards dinner in Orland Park.

The girls' divisions awarded the following players: age 9, Alyssa Steinert of Tinley Park; age 10, Shayla Mutz of Lockport; age 14, Kim Schmidt of Homewood; age 15, Elizabeth Ribbens of Tinley Park, and Kate Vendrely of Flossmoor of the pine division.

The boys' divisions awarded the following players: age 12, orange division, Chris Fettes of Homewood, arsenal division, age 13, blue division, Josh Rohls of Glenwood; age 6, Christian D'Vorak of Orland Park; age 7, Matt

Galounis of New Lenox; age 8, Jonathan Stevens of New Lenox and Chris Vendrely of Flossmoor; age 9, Jeffrey Grider of Orland Park; Keegan Balle of New Lenox; age 11, Danny O'Leary of Naperville and Phil Galounis of New Lenox; age 12, Brendan King of Naperville; age 13, Eric Lichaj of Downers Grove and Ross LaBaux of Chicago; age 14, Mark Zeman of Western Springs, age 15, Kevin Harrigan of Woodridge; age 16, Jack Smithson of Hinsdale; age 17, Brad Guzan of Lockport; age 18, Joe Ducci of New Lenox; and age 19, Ned Grabavoy of New Lenox.

The 2002 player of the year is Joe Ducci of New Lenox.



Pictured left to right is Jeffery Chan, Ashley Sullivan, Alan Rodriguez, De La Salle Principal Jim Krygier, Eric Vilimas, and Brian Bogusevic.

De La Salle honors class of 2002

The annual Senior Awards Night ceremony took place on May 20 in De La Salle's Hilton Commons. In all, 104 members of the Institute's Class of 2002 were lauded for their excellence in and out of the classroom.

The traditional senior awards were given to five of the best and brightest young men in the Class of 2002

The Bausch & Lomb Science Award went to Jeffery Chen, Bridgeport, who was also named the Class of 2002 valedictorian.

The Frank Oswald Math Award went to Ashley Sullivan, Canaryville. The John Philip Sousa Band Award was bestowed upon Alan Rodriguez, West Lawn, and the Br. I Austin Scholar-

Award was given to Brian Bogusevic, Oak Lawn. The St. John Baptiste de La Salle Award was given to Eric Vilimas, Bridgeport.

De La Salle would like to congratulate all of the members of the Class of 2002 and wish the young men every success in all their future endeavors.

Marquette names May graduates

Marquette University, in Milwaukee, has announced the names of students who received their degrees for the spring term in May.

Local graduates include: Susan Beckman, Tinley Park, Master of Science in Applied Economics; Gaelen Bell, Evergreen Park, Bachelor of Arts, Advertising; Regina Cairo, Palos Park, Juris Doctor, Psychology; Kristen Conlon, Chicago, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Sciences; Michael Dennis, Chicago, Bachelor of Science, Finance and Marketing; Jennifer Franks, Palos Hills, Bachelor of Arts, Criminology & Law studies, Political Science; Ryan Germino, Palos Park, Bachelor of Science, Marketing; Kerri Halleran, Tinley Park, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Bridget Hannon, Oak Lawn, Bachelor of Arts, Public Relations; Mary Hayes, Chicago, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Spanish

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Dinner and play

The Summit Park District is hosting a dinner and musical play trip on Aug. 20.

Dinner will be held at J.C. Pub's in McCook. Following dinner, participants will see "The Lion King" at the Cadillac Theatre in downtown Chicago.

The total cost of the package is \$125 per person, which includes dinner (tax and tip), motor coach transportation, and the price of the theatre tickets.

The group will meet at the Park at 4:45 p.m., have dinner, and be at the theatre for the 7:30 p.m. performance.

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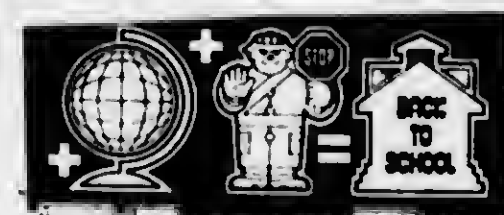
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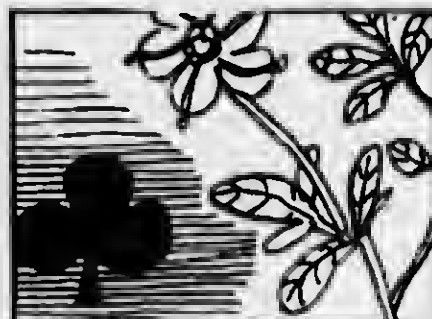
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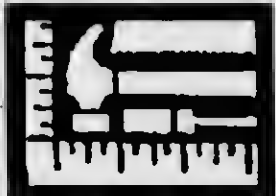
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International students seek host homes

When Tom and Nancy Pearson opened their door to Chikara Yokoyama, a Japanese student attending classes at Moraine Valley, it was their intention to provide a nurturing and safe environment for a young man attending school in a foreign country as part of the college's Host Homes Program.

However, the Pearsons found themselves on the receiving end of hospitality when Yokoyama's Japanese family invited them to his wedding at Mount Fuji in Japan. At the ceremony, Tom was given the opportunity to address the Japanese audience, and afterward, Yokoyama and his new bride, Minako, invited the Pearsons along as they toured Kyoto, Osaka, Nara, and Tokyo.

The Pearsons began hosting international students attending Moraine Valley in 1989 and have gained insight into their cultures. The Pearsons have hosted students

from Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Cyprus, Greece, Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

Moraine Valley is currently seeking other families like the Pearsons. If you are interested in hosting an international student, Moraine Valley can help. The college is in need of host families for the fall 2002 semester. Students are expected to arrive in early August to attend classes in the fall 2002 semester. Students will be arriving from Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

Students pay host fees, which will help defray the cost of the students living in the home. Training and ongoing support is available to all hosts.

Since the college's Host Home Program began in 1989, there have been more than 900 placements of international students in more than 200 host homes.

For information about the program, call Claudia Robuck, 708-974-5756.

Hudgins waterfowl rest area dedicated

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Brent Manning joined with representatives of international, statewide and local organizations and corporate partners in dedicating the Dan Hudgins Waterfowl Rest Area at the Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area in Jersey County.

The waterfowl rest area is located along the Illinois River near the intersection of Illinois Rt. 100 and Dabb's Road, north of Pere Marquette State Park. Improvement of the rest area was made possible through the local Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc. and the Illinois Ducks Unlimited MARSH program.

The rest area is dedicated in memory of the Dan Hudgins of Godfrey, a long-time member and officer of the MWHI, who died in May 2001. Hudgins served as the waterfowl hunting advocacy organization's president in 1991-1993 and 1995.

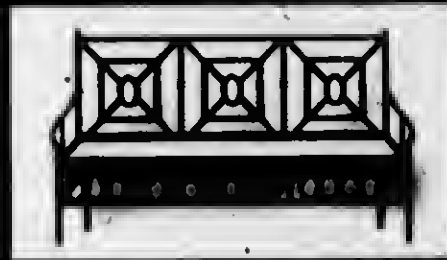
"Dan worked tirelessly on behalf of waterfowlers and wildlife conservationists."

Manning said. "From improving water quality at Horseshow Lake to expanding wetlands throughout the Mississippi River Area, Dan Hudgins brought many individuals and organizations together to turn good ideas into worthwhile projects."

Director Manning also presented commendations to: Illinois Ducks Unlimited for investing \$23,000 in MARSH program funds in the Dabb's Road wetlands project at Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area; Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, for donating \$30,000 to Illinois DU, which used the funds to rent Caterpillar equipment used to improve waterfowl habitat at seven IDNR sites along the Illinois River; Illinois American Water Company, Alton, for donating \$108,000 worth of water pumping equipment for use at Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area.

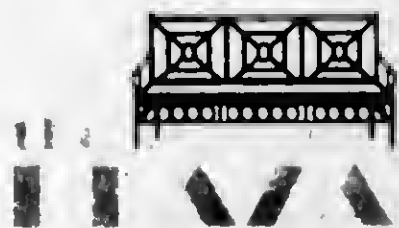
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Family Fun Checklist

Summer is on the horizon, and with it comes a season filled with family activities. For whatever phase of family life you're in -- newlyweds, young family, teens, or retired -- The Plaza has what you need for your summer family fun!

A Healthy Family

Fair weather fun includes activities like biking, hiking and swimming. Are you in shape, the right shape or just thinking about shaping up? It's time to check out **General Nutrition Center** for supplements that will help you reduce your weight, increase your strength and enhance your health. For skin health, check out the paraffin spas and the line of Sundamentals sun protection products. Getting fit and staying in prime condition are made easier with a visit to **Vitamin World**. Vitamins, herbs and nutritional supplements boost your metabolism, help relieve symptoms of a number of problems from allergies to arthritis, and add to your general health. New in the mall is **Chinese Herbs**, a store that supplies a full line of teas and herbs developed through 2,000 years of Chinese medicine. These remedies may increase your energy, decrease your appetite, and reduce your cholesterol -- all with alternative products that are gentle and natural.

'Tis the Other Gift-Giving Season!

Invitations are arriving for showers, weddings, graduations and more. Beautiful and treasured gifts can be selected from one of The Plaza's jewelry stores. **Rogers & Holland's** has been creating fine diamond, gold and silver jewelry and gifts since 1910. **Whitehall Jewelers**, established in 1895, offers rings, necklaces, bracelets, watches and more--some set with diamonds and gems. **Marquise Diamond Center** specializes in diamonds, but offers a wide selection of jewelry and watches. Several shops offer more moderately priced jewelry including chains, charms, pendants, watches and rings. Some of the stores offer ear piercing, and several have layaway options. Check out the merchandise and specials at **Roberts Custom Jewelry and Repair**, **Reflections**, **All That Glitters**, **Great American Jewelers**, and **Chain Reaction**. For watches which are perfect for sports, dress, or casual wear, drop by **Dakota Watches**. Don't forget the wrapping paper and cards! Drop by **Card and Candy Junction**.

Accessor-Rays

How do you accessorize for summer? The ideas abound at The Plaza specialty stores! At **Claire's Accessories** pick up a pack of summer color bangle bracelets, sunglasses and beach bags. Summer style for men can be found at **Alberto's Chicago Hats**. Everything from derbies to Homburgs, caps to straw hats can be selected, and there's a terrific variety of color and styles. Finish things off with belts, socks and more. At **Silver & Sole** find accessories for head and toe -- funky or sexy sandals, plus fun sunglasses and jewelry.

Looking Good

Get a new hair style! Have your nails done! Enjoy a spa service that will make your skin look and feel great! These Plaza stores offer a variety of services by appointment or, for some, by walk-in. Call for more information. For manicures call **Classy Nails** and **Generation Nails**. For hair, call **Evergreen Barber & Curl** and **Regis Hairstyles**. For beauty products, hair products and a selection of accessories, shop **Evergreen Beauty Supplies** and **Plaza Wigs**.

Looking Good, 2

Wear glasses! Get your prescription in sunglasses and you'll be looking good -- and seeing well -- all summer! Although prescription lenses can't be put into all frames, the optical stores at The Plaza have a great variety in frame selection, as well as prices and services. Look into these fine stores: **American Vision**, **Lenscrafters** and **Carson Pirie Scott & Co. Optical**.

Looking Good, 3

Timeless Digital Photography offers cutting edge technology in all digital portraits for the whole family. Call for an appointment or walk in, then make a choice in a wide variety of packages and styles from kid portraits to glamour shots. Wedding photography services are also available.

Sun-Sational

Summer vacation is time for kids to have fun in the sun, and the first stop is **Kay-Bee Toys**. Find a full line of bubbles and bubble toys, an array of water guns, wiffle balls and other sports supplies, even butterfly nets! For rainy days, choose board games, dolls or action figures. While the kids are playing in the yard, parents can enjoy each other while relaxing on the deck! At **Big Dollar** find a selection of plastic glasses and serving dishes as well as candles and accessories that add color to outdoor entertaining. Whether you're on your way to vacation, a soccer game or a summer party, a visit to **Walgreens** will get you all the last minute items you need. Sunblock and insect repellents are a must wherever you go. Keep the kids busy on long car rides with small games and books. Grab a set of barbecue tools or pool toys for your time away. If you're staying home, pick up some car washing supplies! This summer -- and every season -- be comfortable with your family at The Plaza!

Pause at The Plaza

All of the following events take place Center Square, Lower Level, unless otherwise noted

- ☒ Chicago Piano Man Dave Green
Thursdays and Fridays
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Upper Level
- ☒ Gospel Fridays
Presented by House of Peace and the Plaza
Fridays 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- ☒ Gospel Star Search
Fridays, through October 31, 7 p.m.
Presented by House of Peace and the Plaza
Contestants compete for a prize of \$10,000
- ☒ Intimate Contact Jazz Band
Saturdays
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- ☒ Summer Sidewalk Sale
Thurs Aug. 1 - Sunday Aug 4th

Upcoming

- ☒ Bronzeville Children's Museum presents
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Village View Newspapers has a new address

by Annette Dixon

Village View Publications, Inc. is now located at 5757 West 95th St., 2nd Fl. Suite 14, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The phone number, fax number and email remains the same as before. For those who do not know the number, it is 708-423-9754, Fax number is 708-423-9785, and the email is Annetteadixon@aol.com.

After 9 years and 7 months working from the 9720 Parkside address, there was much to move and the adjustment hasn't sunken in yet.

The move was great since we are located above Southwest Denture, who has been my customer since 1976. Our only hope is that we continue to keep our customers and within the next few weeks stop into the office and say hello.

Village View Newspapers expanded in May by having a far south suburban edition in Oak Forest, Tinley Park, and Orland Park.

We are happy to be serving the far southside along with our suburban and south suburban areas.

Thank you for all the support you have given us and we surely would like to grow larger within these communities.

Orland Park night out against crime

The Orland Park Police Department will host its seventh annual Night Out Against Crime from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Aug. 6 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave.

More than 9,000 communities from across the nation and Canada will observe National Night Out Against Crime. Orland Park residents are invited to come out and meet the Bike Patrol officers, Traffic Unit officers, the Special Response Team and see the Traffic Safety CPS Trailer. Brutus, Orland Park's canine officer will also be there demonstrating his skills.

Scheduled events also include Ambassador, Apple and Auto Medics Tow Companies, Chi-town Car Show, Chicago SafeKids Event Van, Fatal Vision Basketball Contest, Hope Children's Hospital, Illinois State Police DUI presentation, Joe Rizza Ford Kids Care ID Booklets and South Suburban Car Seat Safety Coalition Education Trailer. Palos Health & Fitness Center will have raffles

and programs for kids.

The Orland Park Fire Protection District will give a demonstration and tour of the District's Fire Safety Trailer.

Parents can have their children's photographs taken for a Kid Care ID Passport booklet. Other children's activities featured this year will be a DJ for kids with contests and a face painter.

Orland Park has received three "Outstanding Participation" awards and one National Award from the National Association of Town Watch for National Night Out Against Crime, which sponsors the nationwide event. National Night Out Against Crime is designated to help enlighten residents to become more alert, to inform them of measures that can be taken to reduce crime, and to strengthen their neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

The Police Department is asking all residents to leave an outside light on to show support for the nationwide statement against crime on Aug. 6.

Active Senior Expo

Active Senior Expo, an event to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens, will be held on Oct. 2 at Georgios Banquets, 8800 W. 159th St., Orland Park.

Active Senior Expo will feature dozens of exhibits with products and services designed specifically for seniors. Special attractions will include free health screenings, free seminars, musical entertainment, and free refreshments.

"We're really excited about the Orland Park location. There's never been a major senior show in Chicago Southland and both exhibitors and attendees will benefit greatly," said show Manager Bob Cycon.

The Orland Park event is the third Active Senior Expo to be held this year.

Applications for exhibit space are being accepted for the Oct. 2 event. For complete exhibitor information, call Silver Star Expositions at 630-620-6347 or fax at 630-620-7996. The website is www.activeseniorexpo.net.

Hot Summer fun!

By Jude Coyle

As mid July approaches, stores are stocking up for back to school sales. Parents are counting the days until school registration and the beginning of the school year. And educators are preparing curriculums.

In spite of fall preparations, summer and summer activities are still foremost in the minds of some of our municipal officials.

Oak Forest: After the successful conclusion of Oak Fest and Gaelic Fest, City and Park District officials are combining their energies. Per Pat Kolar, the City will sponsor the Annual Labor Day Parade on Sunday September 1st. The parade route will travel along Central from 151st Street to 159th. Step off is at 11 AM. Entry applications are available at City Hall. They must be completed and returned by 8/1. Call 708/687-4050.

Following the parade, the Park District will host the annual Old Time Picnic behind the Park District Building on Central. The day begins at noon, ends at dusk and will include music, games and goodies.

The Burt Cattoni Band (country) will perform from 12:30 to 2 PM. The Flapjacks are scheduled between 2:30 and 4 PM. Classic rock band, The Crying Shames, will perform between 4:45 and 6:15. Between 2 and 5 PM, there will be children's games; horseshoes, volleyball and tug-of-war for adults; and bean bag tournaments for teens.

Tinley Park: On Sunday July 21, Tinley Park will celebrate with Carib-

bean Beach Block Party. This is sponsored by the Village of Tinley Park, Oak Park MainStreet Association, and the VFW. Events begin at noon, and end at 7 PM, and will take place on Oak Park Between 172nd and 173rd.

Activities include a battle of the Bands, beginning at 11:30, until 6 PM. The Tom Carey Band (Caribbean music) will perform between 3 and 7 PM. There will be inflatables for the kids; a Marine Corp. obstacle course; horseshoes, bean-bag and ping-pong tournaments; a trackless train. Bingo at the VFW; face painting and a magic show. The Ruminator, sponsored by Bettenhausen Dodge and Chrysler, will come. The Dancin' Feet will perform. And last but not least, there will be a classic car show. (There will be a nominal charge for Bingo)

Attendees are invited to park in the Metra lot at the 80th Avenue Depot. A free trolley will shuttle people between the lot and the festivities.

Orland Park: The Village of Orland Park is huge, and so is their appetite for summer fun. There are many activities planned, and most take place at the Municipal complex, particularly at the Amphitheater, which is located behind the Village Hall.

-7/16- Picnic in the Park begins at 11:30 at Laurel Hill Drive (west of 108th Avenue).

-7/18- The Orland Park Community Band, a volunteer organization with 70 pieces, will perform at the Amphitheater at 7:00

-7/24- At 11:00 AM, Perfection on Wheels, a high energy BMX bike team will provide information on safety and drug awareness at Orland Park Junior High School.

-7/28- Alternative group, Video Starts, will perform at the Amphitheater from 7 to 8:30 PM.

-7/31- Science teacher, Mike Offutt, will present 'Science Safari' at 11:00 AM at the Amphitheater. Mr. Offutt mystifies his audience with magic, and then provides scientific explanations for his fetes.

-8/1- Orland Park Community Band will perform at the Amphitheater at 7 PM.

-8/4- Bring lawn chairs, blankets, coolers and the kids to the lawn just south of the Village Hall and Veterans' Memorial for a movie. "Free Will" will be shown at 8:00 PM on a 25 foot screen. Big Jim's Pizza will sell goodies, like pizza, pop, ice cream and chips.

-8/6- This is National Night Out. Beginning at 6 PM, activities, including face painting, a tour of the Fire District's Smoke House, police demonstrations, etc. will take place in the Civic Center and Village Hall parking lot. Residents are encouraged to flip their porch lights on that evening.

-8/7- The preliminary competition for the Teen Battle of the Bands will begin at 6 PM at the Amphitheater.

-8/9- The finals of the Teen Battle of the Bands will begin at 6 PM at the Amphitheater.

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Palos Hills Friendship day was not friendly

by Annette Dixon

Sorry, this reporter was refused a parking spot nearby, in order that I would be able to take pictures and leave. It was Sunday, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

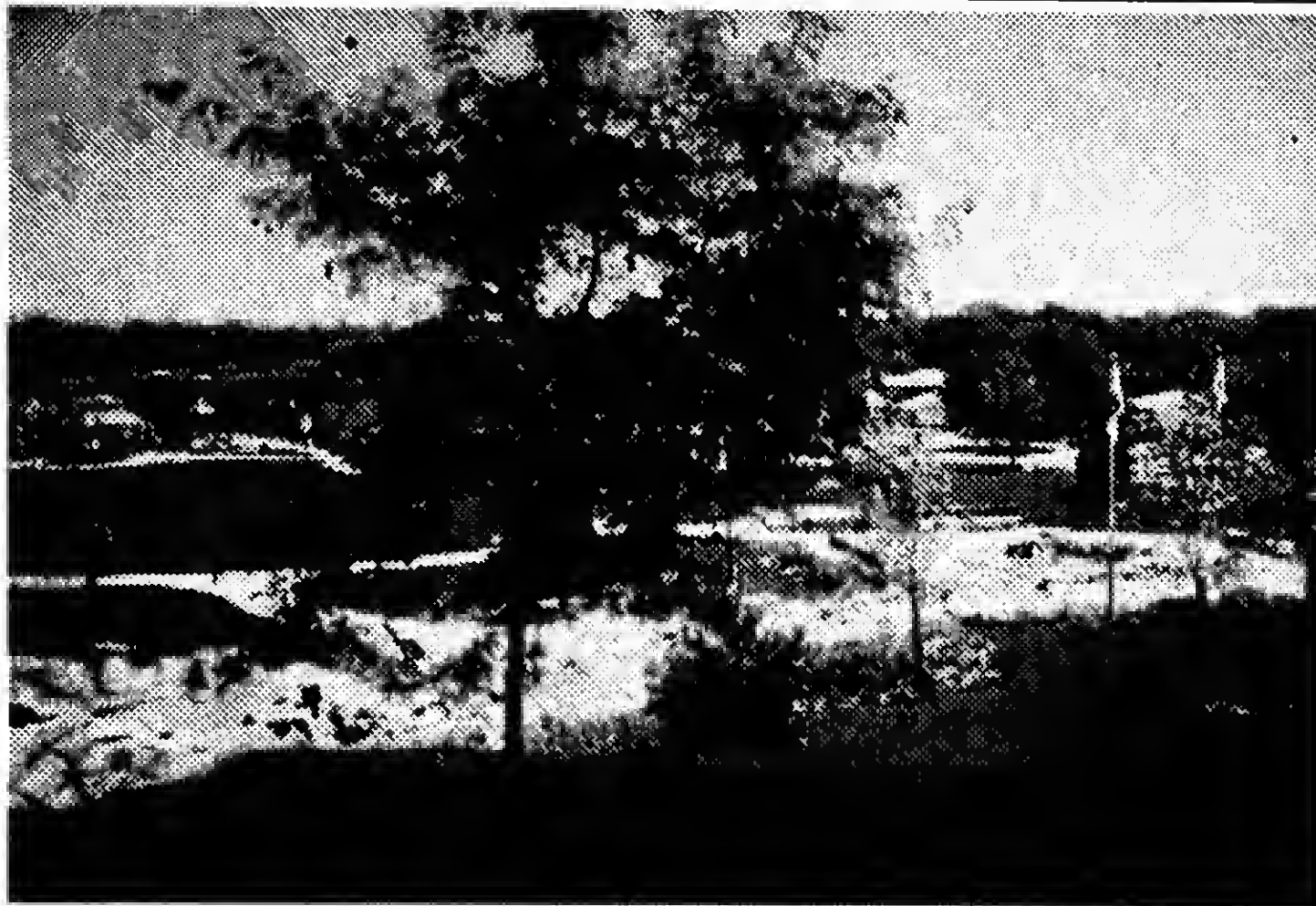
The special Emergency Disaster Assessment Team (may have wrong name) would not allow me to park. I tried three different areas and was turned down from all three. I was told to park in the Moraine Valley Parking area. Three of the officers would not give their names and immediately covered their badge.

I saw many empty parking spaces and usually when showing a Cook County Sheriff's Media ID, even the day of September 11th I had no problem using the ID to get a picture.

I was so angry because I couldn't immediately see why I was refused. Now I will cry wolf by saying that when leaving the area I spotted several police cars heading west in that direction just maybe I was onto something that would have been news worthy.

There are times that I wish that I would have protected my 1st amendment rights, but I do remember that within the signed agreement with the Sheriff's office I did sign away my right for a great parking space.

I felt a little better after trying to flag down a police officer for two blocks. I was driving behind him honking for two blocks, but of course, he didn't stop. I approached him at the light with the problem and he said that the Palos Hills Police are banned from



the park and area. I guess this is for our safety. I'm still wondering why the police officer didn't stop for me. Well I'm sure happy he had a red light and didn't have an emergency. I finally solved this dilemma, it made me feel so much better to know Palos Hills police were not allowed to step foot onto Friendship Park Day.

Church Holds Picnic

Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, will hold its Annual Picnic, Sunday, July 28th at the church from Noon to 3:30 p.m., following the 10:30 church service.

New Creations Christian Band will again be the musical entertainment during lunch. Good food, games, bingo and raffles add to the fun. A "Freewill Offering" or side dish to share will be happily accepted. All are welcome.

Palos Hills opens Veterans Memorial

by Annette Dixon

Veterans Memorial situated on two and a half acres between the city's police station and the end of the community center, shows the viewer or the participant the togetherness of this terrain.

On the southwest corner of the two and a half acres near the police station encompasses five marbleized granite structures. Each one representing a branch of service.

The bricks around the base are engraved with names of veterans who served in the armed forces. Those bricks are still for sale, once a year, for the inscription of a name of a loved one.

What a distinction from other memorials, for this rock like waterfall looking down stream has an extraordinary view. There are resting places to sit on a bench for those who want a leisure walk and there also are stairs and ramps for the more vigorous ones.

This park, town square as the officials call it, is handicap

accessible. In it, contains a playground for the children, a cafe, a pagoda for concerts and a larger community center with a gymnasium. The first concert is July 19th, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., which features Banjo Buddies, Dixieland Quartet.

Oak Lawn Wine & Cigar Shoppe Grand Opening

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce encourages those who appreciate the finer things in life to attend a grand opening party at the Oak Lawn Wine & Cigar Shoppe on Saturday July 27th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at its new location, 97213A Southwest Hwy. The event will feature free food, wine tasting and socializing in their cigar lounge.

For more information, call the Oak Lawn Wine & Cigar Shoppe, 708-424-9463.

Revised meeting dates

The Village of Chicago Ridge has announced its revised meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

Committee meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Formal Board meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

In combined meetings, committees meet at 7 p.m. and the Board will meet after.

All meetings are held in the Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland Ave.

Combined Tuesday meetings will be held July 16, Aug. 6 and 20, and Sept. 3 and 17.

Separate meeting dates are set for Oct. 7 and 8, 21 and 22, Nov. 4 and 5, 18 and 19, Dec. 2 and 3, and 16 and 17.

Airport coalition creates partnership

A new South Suburban Airport Coalition announced the creation of a public-private partnership of leading developers, planners and communities to turn the concept of a South Suburban Airport into a reality.

The Coalition includes two of the world's largest and most prominent airport developers, who have expressed their eagerness and belief that a South Suburban Airport will serve as a national model of how major airport projects may be developed through public-private partnerships.

Construction of the airport could begin in 18 to 24 months. The initial phase of construction will be in the range of \$300 to \$500 million, depending on the size of the facility necessary. The airport will be expanded as demand grows.

The developers-LCOR Holdings, a national real estate firm specializing in public-private development, and

HOCHTIEF AirPort, a subsidiary of one of Europe's leading construction companies, have reached an agreement to undertake development of the airport.

The project builds on numerous planning efforts conducted by the state of Illinois over the past decade, including extensive demand forecasts, cost estimates and environmental analysis. The first step involves refining the project structure and development program and beginning conceptual design and facilities planning.

LCOR and HOCHTIEF AirPort intend to invest private funds in the development of the airport as they have in their prior projects. Community involvement will continue through coordination with the developers and government agencies.

The Coalition is a partnership of developers, planners, and communities.

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District expects budget deficit of \$6 million

The Board of Education of District 218 has posted a tentative budget, which would include a \$6 million deficit for the 2002-2003 school year. The Board will vote on the budget's approval at its meeting on Aug. 13.

The budget is available for public viewing Monday through Thursday until Aug. 13 at the district's Administrative Center, 10701 S. Kilpatrick Ave.

The ongoing shortfall in revenue from the state of Illinois has been the primary cause of the district's financial troubles. For more than a decade District 218 has been forced to cut programs and personnel because of dwindling financial support from the state.

In the mid-1980s, District 218 received more than 25 percent of its revenue from the state of Illinois. For the 2002-2003 school year, the state will provide 8 percent of the district's revenue. The state of Illinois has not provided District 218 with more than 10 percent of its revenue for more than a decade.

The figures contrast sharply with what other states provide to schools. In 1998-99, the 50 states supplied an average of 48.7 percent of funds for elementary and secondary schools, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics

at the U.S. Department of Education. Moreover, the 50 states as a whole have been contributing more to public schools as time has passed. The average level of funding from state governments for public schools was 30 percent in 1940, 39 percent in 1960, and 49 percent in 1999.

"Time and time again we have found ourselves in a perilous financial state. To make up for the lost revenue from the state we've been cutting programs and reducing personnel for close to 15 years. We're running out of options," Superintendent Dr. Kevin Burns said.

While other factors have contributed to the budget crises, the annual loss of millions from the state has been the primary culprit. Eight years ago, lack of state funds forced District 218 to make drastic cuts to bridge a \$6.5 million budget deficit.

In 1994-5, District 218 eliminated Polaris School for Individual Education, increasing the average class size to 32 students, and cut a number of young teachers. Today, the average class size in District 218 is 13 percent higher than in 1991 with many required classes running at or above the 32-student contractual limit. More than 18 administrative positions, including three assistance principal positions and

three dean positions, have been eliminated since the early 1990s.

In 1994, the district employed more than 400 administrators and teachers. In 2002, despite a growth of more than 400 students since 1994, the district will employ 352 teachers and administrators.

The tax cap and prior-year freeze on property tax evaluations has resulted in \$15 million of the lost revenue to District 218 since 1991. Appeals of property tax assessments approved by the Property Tax Appeal Board have cost the district \$1.5 million since 1997. Also, the rate of collection for real estate taxes for the 2000 tax year fell to 94.5 percent. Between 1993 and 1997, the rate was between 98 and 99 percent.

Other factors have cost the District, including the closing of the Clark Oil refinery in Blue Island, upgraded security measures since Sept. 11, and insurance costs.

Board of Education members and Burns hinted at the July 9 meeting that the district has enough money to maintain its current program and staff for two years. After that, the district must find additional revenue or begin making significant cuts in programs, faculty, and other staff.

"The cooperation of all the communities served by Oak Lawn is to be commended. The residents of all the cities and villages held the line throughout the crisis," the Mayor added.

This announcement affects Oak Lawn and the following communities served by the Oak Lawn system: Chicago Ridge, Country Club Hills, Matteson, New Lenox, Oak Forest, Olympia

watering between 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on an odd-even schedule.

"The faulty pump has been repaired and the water reservoirs have been replenished," stated Mayor Ernie Kolb.

Water restrictions lifted reservoir levels OK

The Village of Oak Lawn announced that the water pump which was out of service has now been repaired. The emergency water restrictions will end at midnight on July 29, 2002. Effective July 30, 2002, normal summer sprinkling regulations allow

Evergreen medical information

Evergreen Park seniors that are currently enrolled in the Senior Council/OCS Medical Bracelet ID Program and have living will or power of attorney for healthcare need to update their profile cards. Cards can be updated at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St. As any changes in information occur - such as doctor, person to notify, medical conditions, prescriptions, etc. - please have information updated at OCS.

The office has power of attorney for healthcare and living will forms available. Applications for medical ID bracelets are also available. The program is a service available to seniors and disabled adults. The cost is \$5.

Residents on life support systems requiring electricity are encouraged to notify OCS as well. Individual information will be entered into a computer system. The information will be made available to Little Company of Mary and Christ Hospitals. In the event of a power failure, the information will assist in locating those in need of an emergency power source.

Fields, Orland Hills, Orland Park, Palos Hills, Palos Park and Tinley Park.

Monthly Luncheon

A member of the White Sox organization will be the guest speaker at the next monthly luncheon of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, August 13 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Networking at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at noon. For reservations, call 708-424-8300.



(At left) Sister M. Michael Murray, L.C.M., -- former Director of the L.C.M. School of Nursing -- is congratulated by Mrs. Marion Ruzich, the Hospital Auxiliary's first president, after a special 125th anniversary Mass

Congregation celebrates 125 years of health care

Back when Thomas Edison invented the phonograph and Queen Victoria became Empress of India, a frail young woman with a strong will and deep faith, named Mary Potter, moved into a decrepit stocking factory in Nottingham, England. Two like-minded women joined her to dedicate their lives to the care of the poor, the sick and the dying, and the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary were born.

On July 2, the LCM Sisters - familiar to many in Southwest Chicagoland - celebrated a milestone of 125 years since the founding on their Congregation in 1877 by now Venerable Mary Potter.

Joining them in identical celebrations in 13 other countries worldwide were hundreds of other LCM Sisters in places such as Tunisia, Australia and Albania.

"We are grateful for the many gifts God has sent our Congregation and we are inspired every day by the commitment of the 'Greater Com-

pany of Mary' - the laity who have embraced our mission as their own," said Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., Provincial Councillor of the American Province of the L.C.M. Sisters.

Sister Kathleen and more than one dozen of her Sisters based in Evergreen Park were joined by nearly 70 friends from the community and Hospital staff at a special liturgy honoring the Sisters and their work. Father Jim Thompson, O.S.A., was the celebrant of Mass at the Maternal Heart of Mary Chapel at the Hospital they sponsor that bears their name.

The unique name of the Congregation comes from the scene at Calvary where Jesus died on the cross. Much like the Blessed Mother Mary was present at the suffering of her son, Jesus, at the foot of the cross with Her "little company of followers," the L.C.M. Sisters are a healing presence to the sick and the dying of our world today.



(NAPS)—To a growing number of Florida visitors, small motels and resorts are growing in popularity. Now travelers who enjoy smaller, more intimate accommodations have an easier way to find them in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area, also known as Florida's Beach.

The colorful new 2002 *Super Small Lodging* brochure describes properties with 50 units or less. The program includes 96 motel and small resort members, the largest in the country.

To qualify, the resorts must pass thorough inspections administered by an independent expert in the hotel industry. The inspections cover cleanliness and maintenance aspects of the properties.

The majority of accommodations are located directly on or close to beaches and marinas, with restaurants and shopping nearby. Visitors can choose between well-appointed rooms or efficiency apartments with fully functional kitchens. Many of the properties let children stay free and a growing number allow pets.

For a free copy of the brochure visit www.FloridasBeach.com or call 1-877-352-3224.

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Sheriff's Police Crime Drops Significantly Since 1990

Crime in unincorporated Cook County has dropped dramatically over the last decade, as increased patrols by Sheriff's Police and community involvement has led to a nearly 60 percent across the board decrease, Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced.

According to the Illinois State Police Uniform Crime Report, crime in unincorporated Cook County has dropped 58 percent, from 5,465 incidents in 1990 to 2,267 incidents last year. The most dramatic decreases were noted in three property crime categories: burglary (down 74%), motor vehicle theft (down 59%) and theft (down 54%).

"I believe this decrease is the direct result of our community policing strategy, which has provided aggressive police patrols in suburban Cook County," Sheriff Sheahan said. "By maintaining high profile patrols and working hand-in-hand with residents, we have had a direct impact on crime reduction."

Shortly after taking office in December, 1990, Sheriff Sheahan instituted a decentralization of the Sheriff's Police Department resulting in the Opening of four suburban district stations. As part of the reorganization, the number of Sheriff's Police officers assigned to the patrol

division was increased by 46 percent. In addition, Sheahan has beefed up the county's gang and drug units, resulting in significant increases in arrests.

Other crime reductions include a 25 percent combined drop in violent crimes, including murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery and aggravated assault/battery.

Local police agencies are required to submit crime statistics to the state annually in eight separate categories including murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault/battery, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Reading club participation on rise

"Reading Rocks!" in 2002, as more than 1,800 children take part in the annual summer reading program at the Oak Lawn Public Library. It marks a 10 percent increase over last year's final tally and membership continues to rise. Children in preschool through eighth grade who are Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools may still register and work toward reaching their reading goals until the program ends on Aug. 9.

It's not too late for young readers to earn fabulous prizes donated by local businesses, create a different craft

project offered every two weeks, search for a "diamond" hidden somewhere in the Youth Service Department each day, challenge their minds with activity and puzzle sheets, enter weekly drawings for an autographed paperback book and get their name added to one of the massive, colorful dinosaur drawings that represent each Oak Lawn school. Amidst all the fun, the main goal of the library's summer reading program is to encourage participants to scale the heights of literature and find enjoyment in reading.

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111th and Jodan to get traffic signal

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) announced on July 23 that 111th Street and Jodan Drive in Oak Lawn will receive traffic signals.

Representative Brosnahan received a letter from Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Kirk Brown stating that the project will move forward for the spring of 2003. The announcement comes after nearly three years of the legislator lobbying I.D.O.T. officials for the signals.

"I am pleased that the Illinois Department of Transportation finally took action on this very dangerous intersection," Brosnahan said. "Driving the intersection, I understand how dangerous it is and know that it's just a matter of time before somebody gets seriously injured there."

In 1999, Brosnahan received a visit from the residents of Acorn Glen Subdivision regarding the difficulty of crossing the intersection of 111th Street and Jodan. Brosnahan contacted I.D.O.T. inquiring about a traffic signal. In 1999 I.D.O.T. performed a traffic study at the location and decided that a signal was not

warranted. Brosnahan explained that he knew the numbers were not sufficient to warrant a signal, but he also understood how hazardous the intersection is and how difficult it is for residents to enter and exit their subdivision.

In 2000, Brosnahan secured a \$150,000 member-initiative grant to pay for the costs of the signal. I.D.O.T. then said that an additional \$180,000 was required to interconnect the subject intersection to the two existing signal systems. Thus, the project was put on hold. In the spring of 2002, U.S. Congressman Bill Lipinski intervened on behalf of the state and the village of Oak lawn and was able to secure the \$180,000 needed to cover the costs of the project.

"Congressman Lipinski was glad to intervene on behalf of the state and Oak Lawn," said Lipinski Chief of Staff Jerry Hurekes. "The Congressman is very happy to help the village of Oak Lawn with such an important project."

Brosnahan also said that Oak Lawn Trustee Marjorie Joy was very helpful in securing the project.

Correction

In the July 16 issue of The Village View, the article "ALS benefit seeking donations" contained an error. The benefit is for Don Klinger Sr.

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Library Hosts Writers' Group

Writers seeking motivation and support from their peers are invited to join the Oak Lawn Public Library Writers' Group. They meet every second and fourth Saturday at 10 a.m. to noon in the library's Conference Room, lower level. These informal meetings consist of readings, critiques and writing exercises. Current participants vary in their interests and writing experience. No fee or registration required. The library is located at 5300 W. 95th St.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

Insurance check-up for college-bound students

As students head off to college with expensive computers, televisions, stereo equipment, and bicycles in tow, the Illinois CPA Society suggests that parents add an insurance review to their preparation checklist. A review of your homeowners, auto insurance, and health insurance policies can help ensure that college-bound students are properly covered while away from home.

If college students live in a dorm and are still considered a dependent, the family's homeowners insurance policy should provide coverage for possessions taken to school. Typically, protection of property away from home is limited to 10 percent of the personal property limits on the family's homeowners insurance policy. For example, if the contents of a home are insured for up to \$75,000, property away from home would be covered for \$7,500, less the deductible. Bear in mind that adequate coverage of high-ticket items, such as jewelry, computers, or stereo equipment may require a "personal articles floater" or "rider." Owners can check with an agent to be sure.

In almost all cases, upper-classmen that move off-campus

are no longer covered by their parent's homeowners insurance. If a student is living in an off-campus apartment, a separate renters policy may need to be purchased. Renters insurance covers not only a student's possessions but, more importantly, provides liability protection should the student be sued as the result of an injury that occurs on the rental premises.

Renters insurance policies are not expensive. Policies that provide \$15,000 in personal property coverage and \$100,000 to \$300,000 in liability protection can cost as little as \$150 to \$250 a year.

It is a good idea to take an inventory of the items the student is bringing to school. The inventory should include photographs or a video of the items, a record of the model and/or serial number, and receipts. As an added precaution, the National Association of Personal Insurance Agents recommends engraving valuable items such as computers and stereo equipment with the student's driver's license number and state of residence. It would make it easier for law enforcement personnel to track down the owner of stolen property.

A family auto insurance policy will most likely cover a car that a student takes to college as long as the vehicle is registered with the parent as owner. However, since the car's new locale might make a difference in premiums, it is important that the insurance company be notified that the car will be garaged at another location.

If a student is heading for a campus at least 100 miles from home and is not taking an insured vehicle, the student's family might be eligible for a reduction in auto insurance premiums.

Most colleges offer student health insurance, but before purchasing a policy through the student's college, check with the family health insurance policy to determine if it is necessary.

If the student will rely on the family's existing health insurance plan, careful investigation is necessary. An HMO or PPO typically have approved health care providers. Students should be sure local physicians or hospitals are available.

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Barakat received his medical degree from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1990, and served his residency at Harvard University. He is Board Certified in general, plastic, and hand surgery.

Kronen received his medical degree from SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY, in 1989, and served his residency at Montefiore Medical Center/ Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY. He is Board Certified in plastic and hand

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Common Disorders of the Foot and Ankle - October 5, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Fee - \$5.00 - Dr. Paul De Frino, M.D., will discuss special problems that many adults develop with their foot and ankle. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

National Depression Screening Day - October 6, 10 - 12 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m., Free - Little Company is observing this free education program with lectures, screening, and when needed referrals. Anyone who wants to know more about depression and how to cope with it is invited. Reservations are required. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

Fitness Demonstration -
October 7, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.,
Free - Join in the fun at the Evergreen Plaza Center Court for a lively exercise demonstration by Barbara Kolenda. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

Senior Club (Down Memory and Melody Lane) - October 11, 10 - 11 a.m., Free - This monthly lecture series is held on the second Monday of the month. Call 708-499-1894 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Evergreen Plaza.

Savvy Seniors - October 14, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Free - This monthly lecture series is held on the second Thursday of the month. This month, the topic will be "New Advances in Wellness Technology Using Magnets." Call 708-423-5774 to register. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

Relationship Issues - October 20, 7 - 8 p.m., Free - Rita Ryan, an advocate from the Rainbow House, will present information to educate the public and foster awareness on relationship and communication issues. Call 708-423-5774. This program is held at: Little Company Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

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Sheriff's office receives award

The Cook County Sheriff's Office has been presented with the prestigious "Triple Crown Award" for outstanding achievement in policing, corrections, and jail-based healthcare, according to the Office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The award, presented by the National Sheriff's Association, is given to law enforcement agencies which achieve simultaneous accreditation of a police department, a correctional facility and a correctional health care facility. The Triple Crown Award recognizes that each of those departments within the Sheriff's Office has met the requirements of highly regarded and broadly recognized law enforcement standards.

"This award represents a tremendous professional achievement for the entire Sheriff's Office because it is a direct reflection of the high operational standards that we meet and often exceed on a daily basis throughout our office," Sheahan said.

Accreditation of the vari-

ous departments involves extensive inspections by teams of independent law enforcement experts who study all aspects of departmental operations.

The Cook County Sheriff's Police Department received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA); the Cook County Jail was accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA); and Cermak Health Services located at Cook County Jail was accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

Sheriff Sheahan thanked the administrators from each department as well as all staff members for their hard work and dedication.

"In effect, this award recognizes the commitment of the Cook County Sheriff's Office to uphold professional law enforcement operations in both policy and practice. It is a great credit to our department and all of the employees who made it possible."

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Daley softball game

There won't be any disco records in sight, but WCKG's Steve Dahl will take the field heading up one of the 96 teams competing in Mayor Daley's 16 inch Hall of Fame Softball Championship, Aug. 10 and 11 at Hutchinson Field in Grant Park.

Dahl's team will compete in the Co-Rec category and play at least two games on Aug. 11. Baseball fans will remember Dahl leading the

charge against disco music at old Comiskey Park.

The teams will compete in the two-day consolation tournament in one of the following categories: Men's Class A Division, Men over 40, Men over 50, Corporate, Women, and Co-Rec.

All teams in the Class A Division must be ASA rostered.

To participate, teams must submit a \$160 entry fee (check or money order paid to the City of Chicago) and a completed registration form to: Mayor's Office of Special Events, 121 S. LaSalle Street, Room 703, Chicago, 60602. Entry forms are available by calling the Sports Development office at 312-744-0566.

Technology presentation for businesses to be held

CompassLead will present a white paper entitled, "Technology in the New Millennium" on Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. and again at 6:15 p.m. The presentations will take place at Robert Morris College, 401 South State Street, Chicago, 8th floor auditorium. The presentation is open to the public with an advanced RSVP, as space is limited. Those interested can call Michelle Razal at 312-935-4048 at RSVP.

David Thiess, Director of Business Development, CompassLead Consulting, Inc., will present the white paper. He has been a featured speaker at Hyatt Hotels, Dean Foods, Sears, Walmart, Walgreens, Grainger, Gen-

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How to select a swim class

Many families are visiting area beaches and pools this summer to escape the heat. While it is a fun family activity, it can be stressful if children are not comfortable around the water. One solution to the problem is to acquaint the child to the water through swim lessons. Here are a few tips on how to select a swim class, from the Lakeshore Athletic Club.

Determine what age the child can begin. "Children can now start swim lessons as young as six months, if they are accompanied by a parent," said Amy Hill, aquatics director, Lakeshore Athletic Club. "Once children are four years old they can begin taking classes by themselves. The more exposure a child has to the water at a young age, the faster and easier it will be for them to learn how to swim."

Ensure the comfort of the child. Learning to swim can be intimidating to some children. This can be overcome if the child feels comfortable

in his or her class. For instance, if a child is at a beginning skill level, but is much older than the rest of the class, he or she may be embarrassed and will probably not do well in the class. Work with the instructor to select a class that the child will feel at ease in.

Learn the student-teacher ratio. To ensure that the child is properly supervised, there should be at least one teacher for every five children.

Find out what skills are taught.

"A swim class should provide a child with the skills they need to feel more confident in the water," said Hill. "American Red Cross training is taught in all of Lakeshore's swim classes including basic swimming styles such as freestyle and the backstroke."


Lakeshore offers eight-week swimming sessions throughout the year. Contact your local Lakeshore Athletic Club for more details.

Saint Laurence unity mass

The St. Laurence High School faith community will begin its 2002-2003 school year with a solemn unity mass on Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. in the school library. The liturgy, celebrated by longtime school chaplain Fr. Norm Trella, will bring all the

groups that make up its community together, including the faculty, staff, parents' groups, alumni organization, alumni parent club, family, friends, and, of course, its students. Everyone is warmly invited to participate in the special mass. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria.

Guests may RSVP to the St. Laurence Office of Alumni relations by calling 708-458-6900, extension 253, or email ekoza@stlaurence.com.



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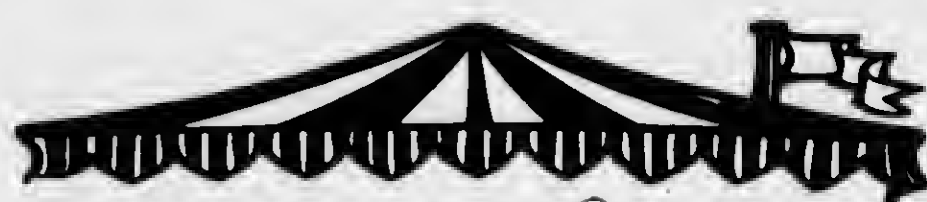


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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity

Just as surely as water-logged children splash away hot summer afternoons in backyard pools, you can count on the festive display of flowers that are planted in front of the modest home on South Albany Avenue.

Starting in early May, the budding gardener starts to eye the neighborhood nurseries for the ideal blend of blossoms to bedeck his front yard.

Each year, by the 4th of July, the explosion of color creates a pleasant view as the summer sun shines on a rainbow of purple, pink, and white buds that spill over into a blanket of sweet-smelling eye candy to savor the season of sun.

Other guys may find their skill behind the grill, barbecuing up a feast for family and friends. That's not exactly where you'd find him spending his leisurely days of summer. In the barbecuing department,

hamburgers, crisp and black, are always his untended specialty.

But, give him a little Miracle-Grow and a bucket of top soil and watch his green thumb work wonders.

To those who know him, it's crystal clear that he puts his heart into everything he does.

Whether it's the multitude of Christmas decorations he dazzles the neighbors with during the holiday season, or the perfectly pruned petals that brighten the pathway to his door, all flourish with the love that flows from his happy, humble heart.

I watch with gratitude as my husband cultivates and nurtures his collage of flowering art with the same love and patience he so selflessly graces his family with. And, just like the good sport that he is, he grins and bears it when passersby stop to admire the beautiful flowers that the 'flower lady' plants.

Latin music fest

The 14th annual "Viva! Chicago" Latin Music Festival will take place in Grant Park on Aug. 24 and 25 from 11 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Viva is presented by the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

Viva welcomes El Gran Combo, Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, Malo, Huey Dunbar, Grupo Mateo's and Orquesta Sabor. The Viva Chicago Latin music festival features cumbias, nortenas, tropical, merengue, salsa, ballads, ranchero and mariachi.

Chicago favorites at the Fifth Third Bank Stage include Grupo Bolero, Trio Los Primos, Banda Herradero Show de Durango, Miguel Nuno and Latin Rhythms.

Children can play in the jumping jacks and get "airbourne" at the Kids Zone sponsored by McDonalds. Guests include Ronald McDonald and his pals.

Traditional food items are also available. Local merchants will be vending au-

thentic articles of hispanic origin as well as from the indigenous people of the continent. Items include wool clothing for children and adults, artwork and jewelry.

Viva Chicago is part of the Music Everywhere: Summer in Chicago campaign.

Crafters wanted

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 854, 9701 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park, will hold a Holiday Bazaar Arts, crafts and bake sale on Sat., Nov. 9th.

Haircolor tour

Revlon's High Dimension Across America Tour is coming to Fox Valley Mall. The tour is an opportunity to receive a free haircolor consultation from experts endorsed by world-renowned colorist to the stars, Louis Licari.

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Revlon High Dimension Haircolor, the first and only 10 minutes haircolor, will be raffled off each hour. Also, the first 100 consumers to provide proof of purchase of High Dimension Haircolor will receive a complimentary Mom's and Music II CD.

The tour will come to the Fox Valley Mall, 195 Fox Valley Center, Aurora, on Aug. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Barbecues blaze in Kansas City

Every October the sweet, smoky aromas of hickory and oak flood the air of Kansas City, Missouri's West Bottoms as close to 400 of the country's best barbecue teams converge for the world's largest "grill-off," the American Royal Barbecue.

In an event labeled the "World Series" of barbecue, contestants from 25 states plus Canada will descend upon Kansas City Oct. 3 to 5, to battle for the title of Grand Champion. Acres upon acres of tents, RVs, and barbecue smokers - from elaborate vessels to simple charcoal kettles - will fill the parking lots surrounding Kansas City's Kemper Arena as chefs prepare to compete at the contest, which marks the beginning of the six-week American Royal.

The American Royal barbecue comprises five barbecue-related contests that unfold throughout the weekend, with prizes totaling more than \$60,000. The barbecue's most prestigious event, the KC Masterpiece Invitational Contest, features the "best of the best," drawing contestants from throughout the

continent and some European countries. It is an invitation-only contest open to contestants who have won a state championship barbecue contest within the last barbecue season. Barbecue competitors in four cooking categories, including pork, ribs, brisket and chicken, and the overall grand champion takes home \$8,000, and a \$6,000 Kingfisher Kooker.

Admission is \$8. Guests can sign up to be sauce judges for an additional \$10. The judges will determine the Best Sauce on the Planet, Best Rub on the Planet, and Best Baste on the Planet.

The "Bone Art" contest is judged at noon on Oct. 5. Participants are critiqued on their use of "bones-as-sculpture."

Other events scheduled include educational exhibits, live entertainment, and a barbecue expo, which includes vendors from grill manufacturers to makers of specialty barbecue items.

Since its inception, all profits from the event have been donated to local non-profit organizations.

Chicago jazz festival shorter this year

On Labor Day weekend, Chicago's daylight gets shorter and so does the Annual Chicago Jazz Festival when tenor saxophone great Wayne Shorter brings his quartet to the festival on Saturday night.

The 24th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival, the city's longest running music festival, returns to Grant Park, Aug. 29 to Sept. 1 offering a vast array of jazz music on three stages with headliners performing on the Petrillo Music Shell every evening.

This year's festival is especially rich with jazz history featuring such legendary acts as Ahmad Jamal, Chico Hamilton, Phil Woods, Mal Waldron, Shorter and Von Freeman.

Jazz fans can prepare for the opening days of the festival with a stop at the Cultural Center on Thursday and Friday. The Claudia Cassidy Theatre hosts Frankphones and Silver Cycles: African-Americans and Electronic Music in Chicago at 12:15 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m., a solo concert with Uri Caine in Preston Bradley Hall.

On Thursday night, Chico Hamilton takes the stage with

Euphoria performing with special guests Arthur Blythe and Larry Coryell.

The Scott Rosenberg Chicago Big Band Project performs at the Claudia Cassidy Theatre in the Cultural Center at 12:15 p.m.

Jamal performs Friday night with special guest, tenor saxophonist George Coleman.

Shorter will appear Saturday night. He has won three Grammys including one for his work in the motion picture, "Round Midnight."

Freeman will appear at 5 p.m. on Sunday night and conclude the Jazz Festival.

Jazz education enhances the music available at the Gardetto's Jazz and Family Heritage stage while the Borders Jazz on Jackson stage entertains on Saturday and Sunday afternoon preparing jazz appetites for the main stage. Festival-goers can also relax in the wine garden or enjoy refreshments from local food vendors.

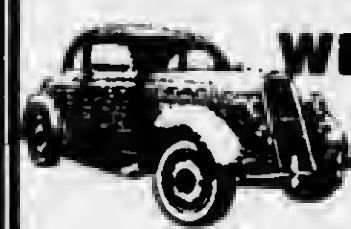
The festival is open from 4 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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1-6 pm	Pony Rides, Moon Walk, Climbing Wall & Giant Slide
1:30-2:30 pm	Naperville Performing Arts Dance Ensemble
2:30-3:15 pm	Captain Black Show (Kid's)
4-5:30 pm	Route 66 - (acapella women's quartet)
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7-8:30 pm	Kraig Kenning (National Slide Guitar Champion - contemporary folk/blues)
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Sunday, August 11 1-8 pm	
11 am-4 pm	6th Annual Car Show
1-8 pm	Food Vendors Open
1-6 pm	Miller's Petting Zoo
1-6 pm	Pony Rides, Moon Walk, Climbing Wall & Giant Slide
1:15-2 pm	The Paul and Kitty Cat Show (Kids show)
2:30-3:30 pm	Popeye & Swea Pea Show (Trained Dog Act)
4-5:30 pm	Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band
6:30-8 pm	The Sting Rays (50's - 70's rock n' roll)

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Taste of Midway fest to open

St. Camillus presents their annual "Taste of Midway" Family Fest beginning Wednesday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 11 on the parish grounds, 5426 S. Lockwood Ave., across from Midway Airport. The "Taste" opens Wednesday through Friday at 6 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

Featured this year will be some of Chicagoland's finest restaurants, a giant beer garden, and carnival rides for both young and old. Also featured will be jar games, pull tabs, daily raffle games, and parish super raffle with a first prize of \$10,000.

Live entertainment will be featured each day in the Beer Garden.

Wednesday: Karen Marie & The Crew.

Thursday: "J" for Jules and American English.

Friday: The Expenz Account Band and Rick "Elvis" Saucedo.

Saturday afternoon: The Battle of the Bands.

Saturday evening: Darla's Dance Center and Now and Then.

Sunday afternoon: Stas Bulanda's Dyno Chicago and The Chet & Dolores Radio Show- WCEV.

Sunday evening: Infinity. New this year is the Battle of the Bands on Saturday afternoon. Local bands will compete for a trophy and other prizes.

The Chet & Dolores Schafer Polka Show will be broadcasting live from the festival grounds Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. on WCEV-1450 AM.

Free parking is available courtesy of the Department of Aviation and Standard in the Midway Airport economy lot on 55th Street for the "Taste of Midway" patrons. For more information, call the parish office at 773-767-8183.

August events

Musician and family entertainer Dave Rudolph will perform a free concert at Lakeshore Park, 96th Street and Lakeshore Drive, in Oak Lawn, on Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. Rudolph will be performing as part of the Oak Lawn Park District's Enjoy the Evening summer entertainment series.

"Dave's show appeals to parents and kids alike, which is one of the reasons we are proud to have him perform for us again this summer" said Jim Popko, cultural arts supervisor for the park district.

Later in the month, the park district will be hosting its 2nd annual Back-to-School Movie in the park. Last year, more than 500 people enjoyed a free outdoor showing of "Star Wars." This year's movie choice is "Shrek," a G-rated film. "Shrek" will be shown for free on Aug. 22 at 8 p.m. at Memorial Park, 102nd Street and Major Avenue. Refreshments will be available.

Paramount Theatre under new management for new season

Aurora's Paramount Theatre is under new management offering patrons better service and over \$1.4 million in quality entertainment. The Paramount Theater boasts a line-up of world-class entertainment, bringing to the community the most internationally acclaimed acts of the times, which currently play the prestigious stages of Broadway, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

The Paramount's 2002-2003 season competes with downtown Chicago performances, with the same shows selling for up to \$30 less per ticket than at downtown venues, with the quality of service and performance equaling that of its downtown counterparts. Plus the Paramount Theatre offers the convenience of location, being less than 30 minutes from most Chicago suburbs. Offering cultural diversity without the hassles of city traffic and high parking fares, the Paramount lies only a few blocks from the nearest Metra station, is surrounded by low-fare parking, and offers valet parking at every event.

This season includes the musical talents of the musical icon Gloria Gaynor, Ben E. King of the Drifters, 70's heart-throb David Cassidy, 60's Fest featuring Herman's Hermits with Grass Roots and Gary Puckett, Grammy-nominated Gordon Lightfoot, and more.

The Paramount marquee introduces Broadway's hottest nights with "Swing!" from the original producers of "Stomp," "Cabaret," Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella," and "Fosse," among others.

Also bringing in the stellar luminaries, the Paramount is proud to announce the inspirational performances of award-winning composer Steven Schwartz, the grace and elegance of "The Official Russian State Moscow Ballet's Swan Lake," on their first stop in their U.S. tour, and violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman.

The Paramount also features comedy and family entertainment.

At each Paramount show, patrons can take advantage of valet parking for \$7. Also included in ticket envelopes are valuable coupons to area restaurants in the Paramount's new Dining Partner's Club. Dining Partners offer patrons discounts when they show their ticket stubs at the participating establishments.

Tickets for any Paramount Arts Centre performance can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 630-896-6666 or visiting the website at www.paramountarts.com. Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more with a free ticket for every 40 tickets purchased on shows \$10 or more. Group tickets are available at 630-896-7676. The Box Office is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from noon until 5 p.m.



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Parking courtesy of Midway Airport & Standard Parking Inc. will be available in the Airport Economy Lot on 55th Street between Cicero & Laramie for Taste of Midway Patrons. To qualify for free parking, tickets must be validated at the Parish Raffle Booth located on the Parish Grounds.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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Thurs.	"J" For Jules - 6:00pm	
	American English -	
	8:30pm	Sun.
Fri.	The Expenz Account	
	Band - 7:30pm	
	Rick "Elvis" Saucedo -	
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Planes soar and boats glide at air and water show

Shell and the City of Chicago present the 44th annual Chicago Air and Water Show along Chicago's spectacular lakefront Aug. 17 and 18. The show generates amazement from the audience as aircraft, including the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the U.S. Army Golden Knights, and the AeroShell Aerobatics team navigate overhead and watercraft splash across the lakefront.

The Chicago Air and Water Show is the oldest and largest free admission air and water exhibition of its kind in the United States, featuring civilian and U.S. military aircraft and watercraft.

More than 2 million spectators will enjoy the show from Fullerton Avenue to Oak Street, with North Avenue Beach as the focal point. The show kicks off at 9 a.m. with the water show; the air show starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. on both days. On Aug. 17, dusk brings the Twilight Air Show with a focal point at Navy

Pier. The show takes place from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Fireworks begin at 10:15 p.m.

"We are proud to present this extraordinary event to the city of Chicago," said Jim Law, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events. "The Chicago Air & Water Show is the largest two-day spectator event in the United States, and the longest ongoing show of its kind in North America."

This year, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels will headline the air show, spreading their wings over Lake Michigan. The Blue Angels have been bringing excitement to the skies since the premier flight demonstration team was created in 1946. This year's show will also include the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, who will thrill the audience with their daring parachute jumps.

In addition, the AeroShell Aerobatic Team will once again thrill the audience with a series of precision formation acrobatic maneuvers.

Other performances include the Lima Lima Flight Team, Sean D. Tucker & Team Oracle, the Red Baron Stearman Squadron, Ian Groom presented by FedEx, and Red Bull Mig Magic.

Military aircraft to be featured include: A-10 Thunderbolt, UH-60 Blackhawk, AH-64 Apache Helicopters, C130, KC135, KC10, USN F-18 Hornet Demonstration, USN F-14 Tomcat Demonstration, USAF 920 Rescue Group, USAF T-38 Demonstration, USAF F-15 Eagle, IL Air National Guard F-16, USAF B1-B, USAF B2 Stealth Bomber and the USAF F117 Stealth Fighter (military aircraft subject to change).

This year's water show includes round four of the International Racing Association's Liquid X Freestyle 2002 Pro Tour, with the finest wave riders from U.S.A., Canada and Brazil competing in categories including best wipeout and coolest move. The Munson

Ski & Inboard Water Sports "Ski Show Team" will also present a water ski and wakeboard show, as performers slice through the water barefoot, go sky high on a wakeboard, show some fancy footwork and fly through the water at unbelievable speeds.

Herb Hunter will emcee this year's event from North Avenue beach. Hunter, an experienced military pilot and captain for one of the world's largest airlines, explains every aerobatic maneuver performed.

Senior events

To enjoy a "cool" afternoon, join the group at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3540 W. 97th Street. The center is air-conditioned.

Movies are shown on Mondays at 1 p.m. Cards are played on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. On Thursday, bridge is at noon and chess at 1 p.m. On Friday, pinochle is at noon. For more information, call 708-422-8776.

Garden club

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood will hold its monthly meeting on

Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the University Extension Building, 3807 W. 111th St. Attendees can use the northeast entrance.

The program will be on canning and preserving. The speaker will be master food preserver Drusilla Banks.

The meeting is open to members and non-members.

Southland business expo seeks exhibitors

Join the Chicago Southland Business & Community Expo at the Tinley Park Convention Center at I-80 and Harlem Ave.

Thousands of potential clients and customers will be available to businesses.

On Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., exhibits at a 6-foot table are available for \$295 or an 8-foot by 10 foot booth for \$395. New this year is Superbooths, an 8 by 16 end caps spanning two aisles for greater visibility and traffic for \$895 and retail booths for \$395 which enable exhibitors to sell directly to attendees.

"Restructuring space prices makes exhibiting at the Expo possible for a much

wider variety of businesses," said Expo Chair Rebecca Palumbo, Rollins Palumbo Creative. "We look forward to welcoming many new faces. Free admission tickets distributed to the business community and to the general public should make our attendance the best it's ever been."

The Expo includes business seminars and technology workshops, a business image luncheon show and over 100 exhibits filled with small and large businesses.

Call the Chamber office at 708-957-6950 for booth information or to request free admission tickets.

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Friday, Sept. 20th

6:00 - 11:00 pm Windy City Carnival - (Free glow necklace to the first 50 kids that buy carnival tickets)

Food Vendors
Beer Garden

7:00 - 11:00 pm Toby and the Tremors (live entertainment)

Saturday, September 21st

10:00 am Parade
12:00 Noon Craft Booths, Food Vendors, Beer Garden
12:00 Noon Dave Rudolf - Children's Concert (main stage)
1:00-11:00 pm Windy City Carnival (Unlimited Rides \$14.00 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm)
1:00-5:00 pm Bingo (Pavilion)
1:00-3:00 pm Face painting (free)
1:00-3:00 pm Character Drawing for Children (\$2.00)
2:00-5:00 pm D.J. (main stage) Contests: Hula Hoop & Limbo for all ages
3:00-5:00 pm Character Drawing for Adults (\$5.00)
3:00-8:00 pm NASCAR Micro Stock Car Speedway (Speeding Allowed)
7:00-11:00 pm Voodoo Jones Blues Band (live entertainment)

Sunday, September 22nd

12:00 Noon Bingo, Food Vendors, Beer Garden
12:00 Noon Cross Keys Irish Dancers (main stage)
12:00-5:00 pm Craft Booths
12:00-5:00 pm NASCAR Micro Stock Car Speedway opens
1:00-7:00 pm Windy City Carnival (Unlimited Rides \$14.00 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm)
1:00-3:30 pm Horse & Wagon Rides
1:00-2:00 pm Performance by Juggler Chris Fascione (in front of pavilion)
2:00-4:00 pm Balloon animals by Clown Michelle
3:00-5:00 pm The Sweet Janes (live entertainment)
5:30-7:30 pm Adventure Time Trio (live entertainment)

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Celtic Fest features music, dance, stories

The countdown begins for the 6th annual Chicago Celtic Festival to be held on Sept. 14 and 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Music from Brittany, France; Galicia, Spain; Nova Scotia, Ireland, Canada, Scotland, the Isle of Man, Cornwall, Wales, and the United States will be featured in Chicago's Grant Park. Admission is free.

Celtic Fest celebrates the historical music with traditions and dances that date back to 700 B.C. This year's headliners at the Petrillo Music Shell include Liz Carroll, Susana Seivane, La Bottine Souriante, Grand Derangement and the Saw Doctors. Other performers include Caution Donkeys, Four Men and a Dog, Craobh Rua, Dan Ar Braz, Donnybrook and many more.

Music, dance, and traditional storytelling will be featured at more than ten stages and tented areas, offering fun for people of all ages. Also in the festival will be the Celtic Art Fair, which brings artisans from all over the world to sell their hand-made

jewelry, sweaters, ceramics, glass, paintings, and more.

The Chicago Celtic Festival is part of the Music Everywhere: Summer in Chicago 2002 campaign, a collaborative effort by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Chicago Office of Tourism, designed to showcase new and perennial music events throughout the city this summer. Music Everywhere continues until Sept. 29.

Spaghetti dinner

The McDonald-Linn Post 177's Spaghetti Night is back. The Post, 10537 S. Ridgeland, will hold the dinners on the first Thursday of the month beginning Aug. 1 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Crafters

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 854, 9701 S. Kedzie, will hold a Holiday Bazaar Arts, Crafts and Bake Sale on Sat., Nov. 9. Spaces are still available to crafters. For an application, call Diane Wolkowicz at 708-423-2621. Spaces are filling up fast.

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Middle-Age Planning

Not too long ago I wrote a column on dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's disease. It wasn't until after my father was diagnosed with having this mentally disabling disease, that it touched my life in an emotionally, personal way. Being a middle-age wife and mother, it wasn't easy becoming my father's caretaker, and as he became more like a child than a parent, the decision to place him in a nursing home was unbearably heartbreaking.

Nursing homes weren't something all that new to me. Years ago, with a great love for the nursing profession, I found myself employed at the local nursing home. I became familiar with how they operated and I managed quite well at taking care of the elderly patients assigned to me. But all this was years before my father would become one of those elderly patients dependent on nursing home care.

The home we chose for dad wasn't any different than any other. Rows of white-haired old folks, strapped in their wheel chairs, lined the seemingly endless hallways. There they'd sit waiting for a familiar face to brighten their otherwise dull day. Most of the time it was a cheerful smile or the warm touch of a stranger's hand that would spark their hearts happy.

My father slowly became one of those lost souls who would stare blankly at his children as if they were total strangers. Middle-age children are not always ready or prepared to deal with all the stresses that come when an aging parent becomes incoherent. But I found out that, ready or not, there are definite issues that must be dealt with.

Dad worked hard all his life, proud of the modest home he provided for his family. As is frequently customary, dad's home went towards payment at the nursing facility.

When dad died after living there about three years, my brother's, sister and I became aware of what a financial burden an illness like Alzheimer's can be. It has become a reality in this day and age that we are living longer, more productive lives. We baby boomers need more than life insurance to help ensure that our lives don't become a financial burden to our families. We're finding that out now and hopefully we'll be able to be prepared, when and if a devastating illness should befall us in our golden years.

Terri Tomasik, owner of Westpoint Insurance Group, knows the importance of being financially prepared in the event of such a tragedy. Teri sells Long Term Care Insurance, that would help defray the cost of nursing home care. It's hard enough on children to deal with the emotional devastation of a parent's illness. But by planning now we can at least have some sort of control over the financial stress that can burden an already helpless situation. And that's where Terri can be very helpful to you. If you would like to speak with her about Long Term Care Insurance or any other insurance needs, you can call her office 708-430-2200. You'll find the experience truly helpful and very informative.

Though growing old is not a subject we like to think about, especially when some of us are still busy raising families, but it is something we all must face. Knowing that we can provide security in an otherwise bleak situation, can make a world of difference, not only for our own peace of mind, but to our children's peace of mind as well.

Oak Lawn preschool

It's not too late to sign up for preschool this fall. The Oak Lawn Park District has openings in four selected preschool classes:

Learn as You Grow I is for ages three and four and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Little White Building in Lakeshore Park, 96th Street and Lakeshore Drive. The instructor is Peggy McCool.

Play School is also for ages three and four. It meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. The instructor is Tina Jauregui.

Building Block I (ages three and four) and Building Blocks II (ages four and five) are both instructed by Judy Dennis at the Oak View Center. The younger class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The older class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The preschool session

runs from Aug. 26 through May 16. Space is limited and registration is accepted at the Oak View Center only. For more information, e-mail info@olparks.com or call 708-857-2200.

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IAP condemns attacks on Gaza

Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP) strongly denounces Israel's hideous, barbaric terrorist attack on Gaza killing 2 babies, 7 children, 3 women, and 3 men; injuring more than 150 civilians; destroying at least 5 Palestinian homes. They also condemn the use of an American supplied F-16 warplane in the ugly massacre.

"If this is not a terrorist attack? If using war-plane missiles against an apartment building is not a terrorist act? If killing babies and children under the darkness of the night is not a terrorist act? If destroying homes and apartments is not a terrorist act?

Military

Navy Seaman Recruit David K. O'Malley, son of Kimberly A. and Thomas M. O'Malley of 9736 S. Kolin, Oak Lawn, IL recently graduated from Operations Specialist School. O'Malley is a 2001 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School of Oak Lawn, IL.

So what is terrorism?" asked IAP President Rafeeq Jaber. "It is time for our government to stop supplying this terrorist State with weapons in violation of the U.S. Arms Export Control Act.

We call upon President George Bush and the Secretary of State Colin Powell to condemn Israel's attacks, to stop this State-sponsored terrorism before it engulfs the entire region, and to stop using our tax-money for funding Israel's killing machine. Only the United States is capable of stopping this murderer from harming all the people of the region, including the Israelis.

White encourages organ donation

Secretary of State Jesse White is urging Illinois residents to join the Secretary of State's Organ and Tissue Donor registry by signing the back of your drivers' license or identification card and discussing the decision with family members.

Aug. 1 is the Sixth Annual National Minority Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Day. The day is set aside to educate the public about the critical need for lifesaving organs and tissue in the minority community.

Minorities make up about one-third of all organ donations in the United States, yet comprise more than half of the 80,000 people waiting for lifesaving organ transplants. In Illinois, more than half of the people waiting for a kidney transplant are African-Americans.

For more information, call 1-800-210-2106.

Parent group meeting

Parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers, are invited to the Palos/Orland/Frankfort region of the Parent and Child Education Society (PACES) New Year Get Acquainted Kickoff coffee. It will be held on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Palos Park Presbyterian Church, 123rd St. and 88th Ave., Palos Park.

The opening kickoff meeting will include a seminar and open discussion of successful discipline strategies featuring the guest speaker, Toni Pliskin, LCSW.

PACES is a not-for-profit organization centered on providing education, friendship, and support to new parents and their children- birth through age 5. The Palos/Orland/Frankfort region includes the entire Southside and offers monthly lectures, parenting seminars, playgroups, parent & tot outings, babysitting co-ops, monthly newsletter and much more.

For more information, contact Debbie Madeja at 708-424-8786.

District 124 schools open

Children attending Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 will begin the 2002-2003 school year on Thursday, Aug. 22. Classes resume on Aug. 22 for children in grades 1 through 8 at 8:40 a.m. and students will be dismissed for the day at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23 will be a half-day of pupil attendance at noon. A regular schedule of classes begins on Monday, Aug. 26 for all students. School hours for all children in grades 1 through 8 are from 8:40 a.m. until 3 p.m. The individual building principals will notify parents of kindergarten children of the school hours.

If the parents of returning students have not received fee packet information in the mail, call the Business office at 708-423-0950 extension 2112 from 8 a.m.

The District Office is open during the summer from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Effective Aug. 5, the office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Information pick-up days are Aug. 12 for Northwest and Southwest Schools, Aug. 13 for Northeast and South-east School, Aug. 14 for Central Junior High. Hours for each day at 1 to 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Auction for CCCC

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's Political Action Committee will hold its annual auction from 5-7 pm on Wed., Aug. 28th at Mr. Benny's Restaurant in Matteson.

Donations for the auction are currently being accepted at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce office, 1154 Ridge Rd., Homewood. Anyone interested in donating is asked to call the Chamber office at 708-957-6950.

Director of marketing named at Saint Xavier

Saint Xavier University welcomes Michelle Michael as its new director of marketing and public relations. In this capacity, she will serve as the chief communications officer for the University. Michael will be responsible for developing, managing, and implementing the public relations, publications, media relations, marketing, community relations and web content programs that will enhance the image and visibility of Saint Xavier University.

"Saint Xavier's commitment to providing quality education to a wide range of students is important to the Chicagoland area, as evidenced by the University's recent enrollment boom," Michael said. "I'm thrilled about this opportunity to further promote Saint Xavier's mission and values, particularly during this time of growth."

Michael was most recently an account director at Ketchum/Corporate Technology Communications, a Chicago-based public relations agency serving technol-

ogy companies. Prior to joining the agency, Michael was director of development and alumni affairs at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she led individual giving and alumni donor and volunteer programs and was responsible for creating the school's magazine, In the Loop. Michael previously served as acting associate vice president of alumni relations at DePaul University and led a variety of programs including the university's homecoming, alumni publications and alumni cultivation efforts.

Michael has also worked for Richard J. Durbin's senate campaign and for Mayor Richard M. Daley's administration. She has been a board member for the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence since 1996 and remains involved in local political and charitable fundraising initiatives. A resident of Oak Park, Michelle earned her bachelor's degree in journalism at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.

Letter to the Editor

In response to Judi Giglio's July 2 letter, "Under God."

Fight, pick up your pen and write, for "the pen is mightier than the sword."

Many, all of us, complain to each other, we do not understand not know how to stand up and fight for our God and our Christian beliefs. Someone needs to teach people to contact our lawmakers, Congressmen and State Representatives, with their complaints of taking away our religious freedoms or any other rights and freedoms that we have. We all know well the phrase, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." So start "squeaking" to your Senators and Congressmen- it does no good to complain to each other. We, united, have the power to change anything, through our Senators and Congressmen.

Fight for your Rights for Religious Freedoms. Pick up your Pen and Write. Write to your Senators and Congressmen, get everyone you know to write.

Make photo copies, distribute and get as many signatures as possible.

Congressman or Senator: Prior to the enactment of laws, which infringe upon our religious freedoms, we respectfully request that you take into consideration the Christian population versus the population of the denomination requesting enactment of those laws which infringe upon Religious Freedom of Christians, of all denominations, everywhere. We refer to laws enacted upon the request of one atheist. We, the undersigned, Christians, of all denominations, request that you support reversal (make null and void, overturn) of those laws. One of which was the removal of Christian symbols, which remind Christians everywhere of the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and Nativity Scene, which were removed throughout this land of ours. Another is Murry vs. Curren, the law which prohibits prayer in the schools in Baltimore.

Pat Brenner, Bridgeview

Cave of the Mounds celebrates anniversary

On Aug. 4, 1939, an explosion ripped through the stillness of Blue Mounds. While working in a limestone quarry, the workers make a discovery of a cavern, the Cave of the Mounds, filled with beautiful formations of many shapes and sizes.

On Aug. 4 of this year, 63 years later, The Cave of the Mounds will celebrate the event.

The Cave of the Mounds has planned a fun-filled weekend for families with special tours and gifts for the kids on Aug. 3 and 4.

To show what the Cave of the Mounds was like on Aug. 4, 1939, the first half of the tour will be the historic "Discovery Tour."

Guest can imagine what it was like to be one of the first

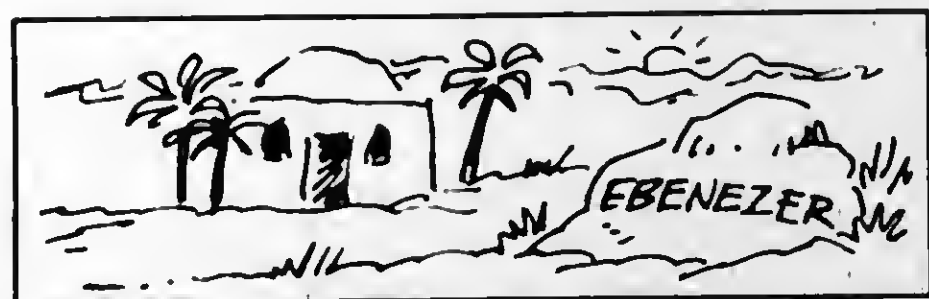
people to enter the new cavern.

All children will receive a free treat after finishing the tour. They will discover treasures to share, learn from, and keep.

So, grab the family, the flashlights and the sweatshirts. Visit the Cave of the Mounds, on Aug. 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Help celebrate a fun event in Wisconsin history.

Cave of the Mounds is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. One hour guided tours depart every 20 minutes. The Cave is located 20 miles west of Madison off Hwy. 18 and 151.

For more information, visit on the web at www.caveofthemounds.com or call 608-437-3038.



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Finding Fun Family Vacations

(NAPS)—If you make vacations a family affair, you're not alone. A recent survey found 68 percent of parents with children under 18, living at home, wish they had more time to spend with their kids. Many of them do so on vacation.



A growing number of families are finding togetherness on vacation.

As a result, a number of popular vacation destinations offer packages geared specifically toward vacationers traveling as a family.

According to Jose Estorino, senior vice president of marketing for the Orlando CVB, "Families can save money by taking advantage of some of the great bargains."

For example, more than 25 Orlando hotels offer summer specials that run from \$59 a night at suite properties to \$219 per night at luxury resorts. Most offers include value-added items such as complimentary breakfasts, and free transportation to theme parks.

The area even has a Web site, www.orlandoinfo.com. Families can visit it to find an array of discounts on Orlando attractions. In addition, they can call 1-800-551-0181 to order a free vacation planning kit or, to seek advice from an official travel counselor call 407-363-5872.

Library Trip A Few Good Men

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a trip to see a matinee performance of "A Few Good Men" at The Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN, on Sunday, September 15. They will hold an in-person registration 9-11 a.m. Saturday, August 10 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Enjoy a lavish champagne brunch and this thrilling, dramatic play by Aaron Sorkin, creator of TV's "The West Wing." The bus will depart at noon and return at 5:30 p.m. The cost of this all-inclusive motorcoach trip is \$50 for Friends members and \$52 for others.

After the in-person registration closes, call 708-422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Children's Clothing Resale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, IL is looking for sellers for their annual Fall and Winter Children's Clothing Resale on September 14, 2002. Registration dates are Tuesday August 20th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, August 21st 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will accept up to 50 sellers, and they will be on a first come, first served basis. To be able to pre-shop you may do so by donating 3-10 hours of your time by helping with the sale, before, during or after for breakdown. There is a \$2.00 registration fee.

For more information you may call the church office at 708-599-4025.

Moraine, EDCSS to present business financing panel

The Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs in sponsorship with Moraine Valley's Small Business Development Center and Procurement Technical Assistance Center will hold a breakfast panel discussion on "Financing Your Business" from 7:45 to 9:45 a.m. Aug. 6, in Moraine Room 3 of the College Center on campus. Registration is \$15 per person.

The panelists include Tony Denovellis, regional manager, First Midwest Bank; Paul Ranieri, professor of Finance, Northwestern University; and Peggy Hrindak, president and CEO of Phoenix Business Solutions. Carl "Buzz" Van

Hecke, a SCORE consultant, will serve as moderator.

Denovellis will discuss a bank's key requirements when making a small business loan. He will also discuss the difference between lines of credit and term loans and SBA and conventional loans.

Ranieri will talk about the difference between debt and equity and how to determine a proper debt-equity ratio. He will also discuss other key ratios when financing.

Hrindak will discuss her successes at obtaining funding when she started and expanded her business.

For more information, or to register, contact Carol Malina at 708-974-5714.

Possible Riverboat Location in the Chicago Southland

The idea of locating a riverboat casino in the Chicago Southland - anywhere in the Southland - has been discussed for more than a decade. The original legislative intent was to place riverboats in economically disadvantaged regions or communities that would stand to benefit the most. This intent must remain the determining factor in choosing the location for the remaining riverboat license.

Now, Southland leadership needs to press ahead, using all of its political influence to bring a casino to the region, which will ultimately benefit Southland communities that have seen the economic disparity between the Southland and its northern and western neighbors broaden during the past two decades.

As a region, we can no longer watch as casinos prosper just over the border in Indiana, pumping millions into the Northwest Indiana economy. Estimates indicate that more than seventy percent of visitors to the Indiana casinos are Illinoisans, and locating a riverboat casino in the Chicago Southland will keep those dollars in our state. A casino in the Southland will also attract visitors from Indiana, adding additional revenues to Illinois coffers.

Economically, and from a

tourism development standpoint, the Chicago Southland is the logical choice for a riverboat casino.

A Chicago Southland casino will place an additional emphasis on tourism development in the region, building on the successes of the Tweeter Center, the Tinley Park Convention Center, the Cook County Cheetahs and Hawkinson Ford Field, the Southland Sports & Expo Center, the U.S. Open and Western Open Golf Championships, the proposed Lynwood/Lansing Golf Course Development, expansion of the Lansing Airport, and the complete remodeling of Balmoral Park.

A riverboat casino on the Calumet River or Cal-Sag Channel will accelerate growth, development and beautification efforts along Southland waterways, similar to the development of the River's Edge Golf Course and Lake Katherine Nature Preserve along the Cal-Sag Channel.

Nearby examples of effective riverfront transformations include Joliet, the Fox River Valley, and Rockford. The Chicago Southland could and should join this list of tourism and hospitality related waterfront development will increase the Southland's attraction inventory, drawing new visitors and their considerable

spending power to the region.

The new jobs the riverboat casino initiative can create in our region will add to the already substantial opportunity the tourism/hospitality industry provides the Southland workforce. An estimated 5,000 persons work in the Southland tourism/hospitality sector, in both primary (lodging, restaurants and attractions) and secondary (tourism services and supplies) jobs.

Now more than ever, a carefully planned, concerted effort to bring the regional legislative, municipal, economic development and tourism players to the table - no pun intended - is what it will take to make this initiative work. We cannot let this opportunity slip through our collective hands. Consensus is imperative, because the economic betterment of the entire Chicago Southland region is at stake.

As the official destination management and marketing organization of the south and southwest suburbs, the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau welcomes the opportunity to advance discussions and arrive at a consensus to bring a riverboat casino to the Chicago Southland.

Course strengthens families

PAIRS, the most successful relationship skills training program in the world, announced locally available PAIRS courses for couples and families. PAIRS (the Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills) courses are derived from proven theories and more than 40 years of research to result in impressive success rates. Researchers have studied and validated the impact of PAIRS in numerous studies since 1984, repeatedly confirming that it works.

When a marriage fails, society suffers with a great incidence of single parents and kids on welfare, school dropouts, teen pregnancies, crime, delinquency, violence, substance abuse, depression and more. Clearly, the nation must take a stand and do something to revive and strengthen the institution of marriage.

Research has identified what is different about couples whose marriages work, but until now there was no organized effort to make the information publicly available on a worldwide basis. There are behaviors that are highly predictive of marital failure and others that are highly predictive of marital success. Research demonstrates that these behaviors or skills can be taught to

couples of all types and at any stage of a relationship—dating, engages, cohabiting, newlywed, long-married or deeply troubled.

One-day PAIRS Preview Class will be offered Aug. 3 and Aug. 17. The world-famous 120-hour Semester Mastery Course begins Sept. 27. The Money-Minded Marriage course will be taught will Merrill Lynch on Oct. 5.

Dan Haycraft, M.D., and Meg Haycraft, M.S.W., are trained PAIRS Leaders and Couples Coaches. As partners for life, with a 16-year marriage, they have endured most of life's transitions (mid-life career change, relocation and parenthood later in life) and are happy to say they live what they teach.

Dennis McNicholas, J.D. and Karin McNicholas, L.C.S.W., have been married for 27 years, raised three children and been engaged in their own professional careers. They are both PAIRS Leaders and Couples Coaches. Karin has been providing counseling to individuals and families for 29 years and Dennis is an attorney who has been in private practice for 25 years. Both have been partners in Mediation Services of DuPage County since 1985, a firm providing conflict resolution for couples and families.

PAIRS was developed more than 40 years ago by Dr. Lori Gordon who premised the course on skills training, not therapy, and the basic fact that our past is very much rooted into our present. Courses are derived from a variety of effective theories researched and found useful over the last four decades. These theories comprise a course that teaches emotional and relationship literacy and practical skills for increasing camaraderie and pleasure.

PAIRS courses are offered in 1 day, 2 day, 8 week and semester long programs. Courses teach couples practical skills for building, sustaining or salvaging a pleasurable, satisfying relationship by better understanding each other. Courses involve laughter and fun and include reading, art, psychodrama, interactive presentations, journaling, even a session on how to fight fair. There are courses for different stages of relationships and marriage. Courses are also available for high school and middle school students, stepfamilies, empty nesters, churches, military groups, and more.

PAIRS has been featured on "20/20," in The Associated Press, Time, and more. For more information, visit PAIRS on the net at www.pairs.com.

St. Cajetan all school reunion

St. Cajetan Parish is marking a milestone this year. It was 75 years ago that the parish was first commissioned to serve the southwest corner of the City of Chicago.

The first Mass was celebrated in the Clissold School building on Western Ave. Within a short period of time, the "Quonset hut" that served as the first church for Little Flower Parish was moved to the southwest corner of 112th Street and Artesian and St. Cajetan Parish started its journey to what it is today—home to some four generations, past and present.

Among the celebrations planned for the anniversary year is a class reunion calling all Cajetan alumni home to celebrate the special occasion.

The reunion celebration will begin with 4 p.m. Mass in the Church. An evening of partying and renewal will follow in the parking lot. The school building will be open

IncrediBulls Patchin promoted to auditions senior sales executive

The Chicago Bulls and Sports Magic Team are looking for the ultimate Bulls fans to form the IncrediBulls team this year. The IncrediBulls will entertain fans during time-outs at every home game during the 2002-2003 NBA season. The IncrediBulls use props such as the Basketball Backpack and Hoop Hat to involve the crowd and challenge fans to "Sing 4 Your Supper" or to catch a Bulls t-shirt.

The ideal applicant is at least 21 years old, physically fit, sports-minded, extremely outgoing, and able to interact with fans of all ages. Candidates must possess extremely high levels of energy and enthusiasm and, of course, love the Chicago Bulls. Gymnastics and movement ability is also a plus.

Please note that the IncrediBulls auditions are NOT for the LuvaBulls cheerleaders.

Open interviews will take place on Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Finalists will be invited to participate in interactive try-outs that afternoon.

Interviews will be held at the United Center, Gate 4, 1901 W. Madison, Chicago.

Mary Patchin, 25, has been promoted to Senior Sales Executive at the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2304 173rd Street in Lansing. Her promotion to the Senior Sales Executive position comes after three years as Sales Executive, responsible for the association, corporate, social and fraternal markets.

Patchin's new responsibilities involve management and operations of the four-person CSCVB Sales Department, and strategic planning and development of the Bureau's regional Chicago Southland Sports Council. The Bureau's Sales Department solicits meeting, convention, group tour, and sporting event business for the Southland region, working with meeting and event planners to attract groups to the area through the coordination of sites inspections, bid proposals, convention services, and accommodations.

CSCVB President/CEO Jim Garrett said of Patchin's promotion, "Mary has a firm grasp of convention sales across all markets, and the ability to develop and enact sales strategy and tactics to the benefit of our hospitality marketing partners and the region."

"Her promotion will add to the Bureau's success in bringing even more conventions, meetings and events to the Chicago Southland," Garrett said.

Patchin joined the Bureau in 1999, after an internship at the Lake County (IN) Convention & Visitors Bureau. She is an Honors graduate of Purdue University Calumet, and was named the Behavior Sciences Department's Top Outstanding Senior in 1999.

"I am very excited to be given the opportunity to implement new ideas and strategies to promote the Chicago Southland as a meeting and event destination," Patchin said.

Fall tutoring at Saint Xavier

Thinking about back to school? Don't let your child fall behind this year. If an elementary or high school age child needs special tutoring assistance, Saint Xavier University's Merwick Academy can help.

Fall tutoring will begin the week of Sept. 9 continuing through the week of Nov. 25. Convenient classes are offered Monday to Thursday at 3 p.m., 4 p.m., or 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m., 10 a.m., or 11 a.m. The one-hour classes continue over twelve weeks. The classes are \$150 per subject, which includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit due at the time of registration. Registration begins Aug. 26, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Merwick Academy provides tutoring in math, reading, study skills, language arts and science for elementary and secondary students of public, parochial and private schools in the Chicago area. Since its inception 40 years ago, the program allows students of different cultures, ethnic backgrounds, abilities, and sexes to interact in the learning process. The Merwick Academy

works with parents, teachers, counselors, and administrators to meet the needs of the individual student.

Tutors at the Merwick Academy come from various educational backgrounds. The staff includes current public and private school teachers, recent graduates of Saint Xavier's School of Education, and recent retirees from full-time classrooms. Saint Xavier students with expertise in specialized subject areas may be assisting as well.

The Merwick Academy is located on the fourth floor of the Warde Academic Center on Saint Xavier University's main campus, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago. For additional information, contact the Merwick Academy at 773-298-3180.

Saint Xavier University is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 5,000 men and women with high quality academic programs. It offers 36 undergraduate majors and 32 graduate program options in four schools: School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, Graham School of Management, and School of Nursing.

Volleyball team finishes 23rd in U.S.

The Ultimate Volleyball Club of Chicago's 12-year old girls squad finished a respectable 23rd in the field of 48 squads from across the nation at the 2002 USA Volleyball National Finals in Salt Lake City from July 3-7.

The Ultimate team is just one of the three young girls teams from Illinois to qualify for the prestigious national tourney. The other Illinois teams finished 35th and 37th in the tourney.

Ultimate Director Erin Lorenz of Frankfort said she is very excited to have her youngest club team participate in the national tourney especially because it has given the young players a chance to see what they have to do to get to the highest, elite level with top clubs from around the U.S.

"We think that this team is going to be a powerhouse squad in the next few years,"

Lorenz said. "So it's great for these young girls to get this national experience now. It's a great chance for our club to begin to get some recognition on the national level, as well."

"We played very well, but some of our opponents were simply stronger than our youngsters and it showed in the final results. I think the girls will walk away from this experience with a new determination and commitment for the next couple years."

The Ultimate Volleyball Club is in its fourth year of existence and its first year a part of the SportsClub in Frankfort where its home operations are located. The SportsClub also owns the nationally acclaimed Chicago Magic Soccer Club that is rated as one of the top five youth soccer clubs in the nation.

SXU enrollment growth highest

For the second year in a row, "Crain's Chicago Business" recognized Saint Xavier University for achieving the highest percentage of enrollment growth among Chicago-area universities and colleges, increasing 6.3 percent.

"Students, alumni and friends know about our quality teaching, supportive learning environment and beautiful campus," said Dr. Steven Murphy, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services.

The enrollment boom reflects strong retention rates, new course offerings, and at the Main Campus and the South Campus in Tinley Park, a burgeoning interest in graduate programs. New construction and improved amenities are drawing more students, also: The Shannon Center, an athletic and convocation center; McDonough Chapel and Mercy Ministry Center; McCarthy Residence Hall was dedicated last year; and a second new student living facility, Morris Hall, will open this fall.

Moraine receives \$950,000 grant

More than 600 low-income students from five area school districts will have the opportunity to attain a college education thanks to a \$950,000 federal grant obtained by Moraine Valley.

The college will receive \$190,000 per year for the next five years, according to U.S. Representative Judy Biggert, who worked with the college to secure the TRIO-Talent Search Project from the U.S. Department of Education.

"We are extremely pleased to receive this grant," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president. "This will enable us to not only continue our current efforts but to also expand our program to help these young people know they can truly earn a college education. We are especially appreciative of Congresswoman Biggert for her assistance and with Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr.

YMCA and JCPenney support youth programs

The YMCA Network for Counseling and Youth Development has been awarded a \$5,000 JCPenney

After-school grant to reach more youth during the danger zone, the hours between 3 and 6 p.m. when as many as 15 million of America's youth are out of school, unsupervised and at risk for negative behavior.

More than 700 YMCAs nationwide submitted grant proposals seeking funding for their after school programs through an alliance between the YMCA of the U.S. and JCPenney After-school, established in 1999 to help provide affordable, high-quality YMCA after-school programs in safe environments for children. This year, a total of 400 YMCAs were awarded individual After-school grants of \$5,000, totaling \$2 million. More than 1,000 grants have been awarded since the initiative began.

The YMCA Network will use this year's grant to help

support a popular prevention program. The National Youth Program Using Minibikes offers people between the ages of 10 and 16 an opportunity to develop self-esteem, values for daily living, and a sense of belonging using minibikes as motivational tools. NYPUM impacts young people by diverting youth from the juvenile justice system; developing safe riding skills; providing substance abuse education; encouraging school attendance; promoting environmental awareness; providing mechanical training; developing responsible citizenship; fostering community collaboration; and providing health education.

"This is an exciting program," said Mike Robinson, a manager at the Orland Park JCPenney store and the After-school coach. "It is gratifying to see the enthusiasm, excitement, and respect of the young people who are participants in the program. I'm impressed with Pablo



Dan Clemmos, Robert Peterson, Mike Robinson (JCPenney), Tom Chorak, Joshua Lau, Certified NYPUM instructor Pablo Anguiano (YMCA Network), Patricia Biggs (YMCA Network) and Timothy Milan.

Anguiano, the certified NYPUM instructor. When Pablo talks about the program, his dedication and commitment are absolutely contagious."

JCPenney responded to the nation's critical need for more high-quality, affordable after school programs for young people. Through a

multi-year commitment to the YMCA of the U.S., JCPenney After-school is providing funding and resources to YMCA programs that support national partnership goals of engaging more teens in programs during the after school hours, serving youth living in low-income communities, and ensuring youth

learn to read on-level by the third grade.

"We are grateful for the JCPenney After-school grant," said Patricia Biggs, Executive Director of the YMCA Network. "This funding allows us to provide a wonderful program to the children and families in our community."

2002 Readers choice awards for best casinos

Readers of Midwest Gaming & Travel magazine have selected their favorite riverboat and land-based casinos in the states of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, and Missouri.

The Midwest Gaming & Travel 2002 Readers Choice survey of riverboat and land-based casinos in the Midwest, which appeared in the April issue, also asked readers to select their favorite casinos in several gaming-related and hospitality categories. The complete list of survey results will be published in the August issue of Midwest Gaming & Travel. (The results of the 2002 Readers Choice survey for Native American casinos appears in the July issue.)

Midwest Gaming & Travel is the foremost source of information, news and instruction for people who enjoy casinos in America's heartland. Based in Waseca, Minnesota, Midwest Gaming & Travel is a glossy, monthly, consumer magazine with a circulation of 50,000 and a seven-state primary coverage area.

Readers choices for the state of Illinois are:

Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel in Joliet- Favorite Ca-

sino, Best Selection of Slots, Best Players Club (Total Rewards), Most Easily Accessible Pavilion.

Jumer's Casino Rock Island in Rock Island- Most Friendly Employees, Most Knowledgeable/Helpful Employees.

Casino Queen in East St. Louis- Favorite Casino Hotel (Crown hotel at Casino Queen), Friendliest Dealers, Best Selection of Table Games, Most Comfortable Hotel Rooms (Crown Hotel), Best Hotel Ambience, Best Hotel Amenities, Best Live Entertainment.

Empress Casino Joliet in Joliet- Best Casino Hosts, Best Video Poker, Most Appealing Pavilion.

Hollywood Casino Aurora in Aurora- Favorite Casino Fine Dining Restaurant (Fairbanks Steakhouse & Bar).

Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin- Favorite Casino Buffet Restaurant (Grand Victoria Buffet), Most Comfortable Pavilion, Best Pavilion Amenities.

For information or a subscription to Midwest Gaming & Travel, call (507) 835-1662 or visit them on the web at www.midwestgamingandtravel.com.

Schneider to add 100 new jobs

Schneider National, Inc., the largest truckload carrier in North America, announced the addition of 100 new jobs in Northwestern Indiana. The new jobs are a result of strong, overall customer growth in the Midwest, including new and existing customers such as Family Dollar, Inland Steel, Pilkington North American, Guardian Industries and Reichold Chemical.

Schneider provides dedicated, regional and over-the-road truckload service to a number of Midwestern manufacturers, distributors and retailers. The opportunities exist in Schneider's van, bulk and specialized divisions. These opportunities require no experience; and company-paid training is provided by Schneider. The company plans to hire the additional 100 drivers in the next 30 days.

Inexperienced drivers will average \$32,000 to \$36,000 in the first year. Experienced drivers will earn \$41,000 to \$50,000 per year. Complete medical, dental, vision and life insurance programs are available. A company-

matched 401(k) plan is also offered. Experienced drivers will also receive a \$2,500 sign-on bonus.

"We are excited to grow our business in this area," said Jim Van Hefty, Schneider's Vice-President of Capacity Development. "We have just completed a major expansion at the Gary operating center, basically doubling its size to make it our largest facility. We're now entering phase two of our plan which will add jobs to the area and provide men and women the opportunity to earn a great living."

Representatives will be conducting an open house to answer questions and conducting job interviews at the Schneider Operating Center, 7101 W. 17th Avenue, Gary (I-294/80, exit 5, go North), on Wednesday, July 24 from noon until 7 p.m. Career Seminars will begin at 1 and 5 p.m. Interested candidates can call 1-800-44-PRIDE for more information or visit www.schneider.com.

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(NAPS)—If you're tired of tiptoeing across your loud, creaky floors, there's news that may be music to your ears: Silencing the squeaks can be simple. Try these tips:

Tool Time
Start with the right tools. You need a tool that will screw down floor boards to keep them from moving. (When there's no movement, there's no squeak.) Tools such as Squeeeek No More let homeowners screw down floor boards without having to pull up the carpet. It comes in a kit that includes special scored screws that pass through carpeting without causing any damage. Here's how it works: For more information call O'Berry Enterprises at 1-800-459-8428 or visit the Web site at www.squeeknomore.com.



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Place your weight around the fixture and drive the scored screw down as far as the fixture will allow it to go.



Step 3: MAKE THE SCREW FLUSH
Place the gripper part of the fixture over the screw head. Then rock the fixture left to right, snapping the head off. The screw breaks at the weakest point, which is consistently just below the floor surface.



Step 1: FIND THE JOIST
Locate the floor joist using the joist-finding tool provided in the kit. Then push the Alignment and Depth Control Fixture firmly into the carpet.

BUDGET STRETCHING TRAVEL IDEAS

(NAPS)—Experts say you don't have to pay through the nose to give the travel industry a shot in the arm, especially if you're willing to let your PC be your travel agent. Online discount travel services can make it easy to find bargain rates and fares, provided you know how to use them. Try these tips for finding inexpensive trips: **Understand The System**
In most cases, an airline will fly a scheduled flight, whether it sells 25 or 125 reservations. The airline must pay for flight attendants, pilots, gas, and many other

fixed expenses, regardless of the passenger load. In order to fill vacancies and offset costs, travel companies often sell their unsold seats, hotel rooms and rental cars at large discounts rather than make no money at all. That's where discount travel sites come in. Sites such as Hotwire (www.hotwire.com) sell airline tickets, hotel rooms and rental cars that would ordinarily go unused at a discount from their normal prices. Looking for the best possible price? Discount travel sites like Hotwire often sell airline tickets at discounts of up to 50 percent and hotel

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One of the great things about the Internet is that it allows you to check several travel Web sites and decide for yourself which offering has the best value. Since most discount sites, like Hotwire, show the price up front, you shouldn't need to go through the hassle of guessing on a bidding site for a low price. For more information visit www.hotwire.com.

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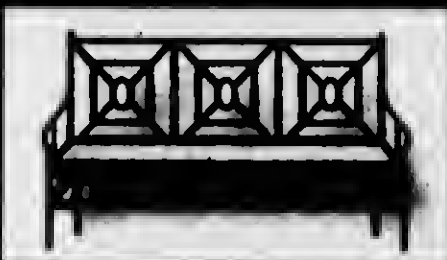
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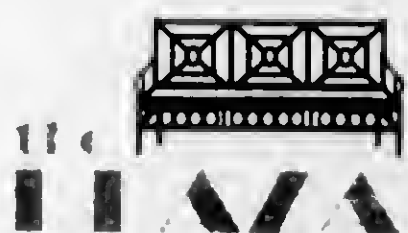
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Family Fun Checklist

Summer is on the horizon, and with it comes a season filled with family activities. For whatever phase of family life you're in -- newlyweds, young family, teens, or retired -- The Plaza has what you need for your summer family fun!

A Healthy Family

Fair weather fun includes activities like biking, hiking and swimming. Are you in shape, the right shape or just thinking about shaping up? It's time to check out **General Nutrition Center** for supplements that will help you reduce your weight, increase your strength and enhance your health. For skin health, check out the paraffin spas and the line of Sundamentals sun protection products. Getting fit and staying in prime condition are made easier with a visit to **Vitamin World**. Vitamins, herbs and nutritional supplements boost your metabolism, help relieve symptoms of a number of problems from allergies to arthritis, and add to your general health. New in the mall is **Chinese Herbs**, a store that supplies a full line of teas and herbs developed through 2,000 years of Chinese medicine. These remedies may increase your energy, decrease your appetite, and reduce your cholesterol -- all with alternative products that are gentle and natural.

'Tis the Other Gift-Giving Season!

Invitations are arriving for showers, weddings, graduations and more. Beautiful and treasured gifts can be selected from one of The Plaza's jewelry stores. **Rogers & Hollands** has been creating fine diamond, gold and silver jewelry and gifts since 1910. **Whitehall Jewelers**, established in 1895, offers rings, necklaces, bracelets, watches and more -- some set with diamonds and gems. **Marquise Diamond Center** specializes in diamonds, but offers a wide selection of jewelry and watches. Several shops offer more moderately priced jewelry including chains, charms, pendants, watches and rings. Some of the stores offer ear piercing, and several have layaway options. Check out the merchandise and specials at **Roberts Custom Jewelry and Repair**, **Reflections**, **All That Glitters**, **Great American Jewelers**, and **Chain Reaction**. For watches which are perfect for sports, dress, or casual wear, drop by **Dakota Watches**. Don't forget the wrapping paper and cards! Drop by **Card and Candy Junction**.

Accessor-Rays

How do you accessorize for summer? The ideas abound at The Plaza specialty stores! At **Claire's Accessories** pick up a pack of summer color bangle bracelets, sunglasses and beach bags. Summer style for men can be found at **Alberto's Chicago Hats**. Everything from derbies to Homburgs, caps to straw hats can be selected, and there's a terrific variety of color and styles. Finish things off with belts, socks and more. At **Silver & Sole** find accessories for head and toe -- funky or sexy sandals, plus fun sunglasses and jewelry.

Looking Good

Get a new hair style! Have your nails done! Enjoy a spa service that will make your skin look and feel great! These Plaza stores offer a variety of services by appointment or, for some, by walk-in. Call for more information. For manicures call **Classy Nails** and **Generation Nails**. For hair, call **Evergreen Barber & Curl** and **Regis Hairstyles**. For beauty products, hair products and a selection of accessories, shop **Evergreen Beauty Supplies** and **Plaza Wigs**.

Looking Good, 2

Wear glasses? Get your prescription in sunglasses and you'll be looking good -- and seeing well -- all summer! Although prescription lenses can't be put into all frames, the optical stores at The Plaza have a great variety in frame selection, as well as prices and services. Look into these fine stores: **American Vision**, **Lenscrafters** and **Carson Pirie Scott & Co. Optical**.

Looking Good, 3

Timeless Digital Photography offers cutting edge technology in all digital portraits for the whole family. Call for an appointment or walk in, then make a choice in a wide variety of packages and styles from kid portraits to glamour shots. Wedding photography services are also available.

Sun-Sational

Summer vacation is time for kids to have fun in the sun, and the first stop is **Kay-Bee Toys**. Find a full line of bubbles and bubble toys, an array of water guns, wiffle balls and other sports supplies, even butterfly nets! For rainy days, choose board games, dolls or action figures. While the kids are playing in the yard, parents can enjoy each other while relaxing on the deck! At **Big Dollar** find a selection of plastic glasses and serving dishes as well as candles and accessories that add color to outdoor entertaining. Whether you're on your way to vacation, a soccer game or a summer party, a visit to **Walgreens** will get you all the last minute items you need. Sunblock and insect repellents are a must wherever you go. Keep the kids busy on long car rides with small games and books. Grab a set of barbecue tools or pool toys for your time away. If you're staying home, pick up some car washing supplies! This summer -- and every season -- be comfortable with your family at The Plaza!

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All of the following events take place Center Square, Lower Level, unless otherwise noted

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Presented by House of Peace and the Plaza
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July 30, 2002

Mayor recognizes champs

by Jude Coyle

Village Board President Daniel J. McLaughlin began the July 15 Orland Park Village Board Meeting by recognizing the Carl Sandburg High School Varsity Baseball Team. This year's team went on to become Illinois State Champs. Mayor McLaughlin presented plaques to team members. Those members are Timothy Alberts, Daniel Atkinson, Robert Bibeau, Kenneth Callham, Ryan Campbell, James Cassidy, Eric Dzierwa, Andrew Earhart, Matthew Gaffigan, Christopher Gaulin, William Guska, James Hoffmann, Matthew Maggiore, Michael Marshall, Jeffrey Newman, Jason Olson, Geoffrey Orr, Matthew Polickey, David Ryan, Joseph Walsh, Kevin Wolski, Lee Fischer, John Crettol, Doug Sutor, Greg Billow, Jim Morsovillo, and David Drzonek are the coaches.

Head Coach Doug Sutor spoke. "They (the boys) represented the school with dignity and class.... We played our best baseball at the end."

Mayor McLaughlin next presented a Community Pride Award to Sandburg sophomore Brittany McIntyre. She was chosen by the Star Newspapers as the

softball player of the year.

Frank Bottiglieri, Director of Veterans affairs in Norridge, spoke. With his help the Village of Orland Park will open a Veterans Affairs office which will be located within the confines of the Village Hall Complex. It will be the first of this nature to open in the South Suburbs. Currently three representatives, Cathy Zuro, Gail Blummer and Shirley Caturano will be available on the first and 3rd Mondays of each month through October. On November 1, a permanent office is expected to open on a daily basis.

The Board agreed to change the speed limit on Ravinia Avenue between 144th Place and 147th Street, and on West Avenue from 153rd Street to its intersection with Ravinia to 30 miles per hour. The move makes the speed limit consistent with adjacent sections of Ravinia and West Avenues.

A hearing was held at this meeting concerning annexation of a 320 acre parcel of land owned by the Catholic Cemeteries Association. Two buildings exist on the parcel, which is known as Good Shepard Cemetery. One is 13,700 square feet and the

other is 13,200 square feet. The Orland Park Fire Protection District is requiring use of sprinklers in these buildings. Trustee Edward Schussler felt that unreasonable as either building is only slightly larger than others that aren't sprinkled.

Hearing no response from the audience, the Board agreed to prepare an ordinance approving the annexation as well as an ordinance granting a special use permit allowing the operation of Good Shepard Cemetery.

A move was made to approve waiving bids on the construction of the steel framework needed for the Sportsplex climbing wall. Jones and Brown will subcontract the work for \$31,125.

In closing, Mayor McLaughlin urged residents to continue conserving water. A new pump installed at the Oak Lawn pumping facility failed. Repairs are expected to be completed soon. McLaughlin explained that reservoirs and tanks were holding even with present usage. As summer wears on

information desk will be open in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave. on Monday, July 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. and thereafter on the first and third Mondays of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.

On the specified Monday nights, veterans will be able to obtain information on the V.A. Health Care enrollment information and locations of hospitals and clinics. Information will also be available about medal replacement, requests for military records, i.e. DD214/Discharge Papers and the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Information regarding pensions for eligible veterans will not be available until Nov. when the veterans' assistance office opens in the village hall. At that time, the new office will take appointments for veteran counselors with Orland Park veterans. Counseling appointments are necessary for pension paperwork to be completed because of the time needed to gather important documentation as well as determining eligibility.

For more information on the new veterans' assistance office, call 708-403-6203.

Indoor skate park planned for Tinley Park

by Jude Coyle

Darrick Miller, owner of 'The Bad Boys', a shop specializing in skating gear, addressed the Tinley Park Village Board on July 23. He plans to build an indoor skate park. It would be located at approximately 183rd Street and 8400 West, which is the far west end on lot #1 in the Tinley Crossings Corporate Center. Miller's plans call for 21,000 square feet for in-line skating and skateboarding.

Asked how he would earn money, Miller explained. He would charge a daily fee to enter the facility, possibly \$10; and to regular users, a membership, possibly \$75 plus a small daily fee. He also plans to open a concession stand and a small retail store for 'Bad Boys' merchandise.

Trustees expressed interest. Trustee Patrick Rea invited all skaters using malls for their course to use this facility when it becomes available.

Mayor Edward Zabrocki asked about age restrictions. As of yet, one has not been set, Miller explained. Mayor Zabrocki advised Miller that when the facility is finished,

Realtors complete advance education

Fifteen realtors at Century 21 Pro-Team recently completed an extensive advanced training course spanning eleven weeks. The Wickman training program is considered the Gold Standard of the Real Estate industry for training professional realtors. Chuck Dinolfo, President of Century 21 Pro-Team, commented: "Agents who successfully complete the Wickman Program are better prepared to service their clients in a professional manner."

I congratulate them on their accomplishments." The following agents graduated from this program on July 11, 2001: Joe Calderone, Chris Caputo, Lisa Cortez, Isabel Diaz, Garry Daniels, Linda House, Barb Kaale, Tammy Kaspar, Micki Lindenmeyer, Wally Moffitt, Frank Micklin, Lolita Mills, Laura Rodriguez, Bill Rubel and Sharon Plahm-Wilhelmi. Call one of our professional's today 1-800-448-0880.

that care should be taken about lighting considering the number of children awaiting rides. Miller promised that children would be safe.

On the afternoon of June 18, 2002, while completing his route, mail carrier Dale Teeter came upon a man whose wheelchair had rolled into a retention pond. The 58-year old victim is partially paralyzed and was strapped into his chair. Mr. Teeter raced into the water, and held the man's head above the waterline until help arrived.

Because of Teeter's disregard for his own safety and the fact that the victim would have drowned if not for his efforts, the Village Board presented Mr. Teeter with a plaque commemorating his act.

The Village Board took up the issue of solicitation. According to the Supreme Court decision it violates the First Amendment rights of solicitors to require them to be licensed by a municipality.

On the other hand, the Village or City might offer stickers for residents saying 'No solicitors invited.' Ignoring

the stickers can be a violation of Village code. The Board agreed to provide the stickers through the Clerk's office, and to amend the Village code.



(NAPS)—Businesses in which families work together have a better chance of working well when professional and personal pressures are kept under control. To keep stress levels at a minimum, the Alliance for Affordable Services suggests that family members communicate regularly, respect each others' space and keep the personal out of the workplace. For more information, call 1-800-733-2242.

Your home can be more of a castle when you rule out noise. To help, a free pamphlet with advice on controlling noise in new homes has been created by experts at CertainTeed Corporation. The pamphlet, *Putting A Check On Sound In Your New Home*, offers a room-by-room approach, with guidance on the home office, family room, bathroom, bedroom, kitchen and laundry room. For a free copy of the pamphlet or for more information, visit www.mysoundcheck.com or call 1-800-782-8777.

Orland veterans assistance office

In Feb. 2002, Mayor Dan McLaughlin proposed creating a Veteran's Assistance Office to service over 13,000 veterans living in Orland Park. Village staff members Gail Blummer, Shirley Caturano, Joe Puhar and Cathy Zuro have completed a veteran's assistance training

program under Frank Bottiglieri, director of Veterans Affairs, Village of Norridge.

Plans are underway to open the Veterans Assistance Office Veterans Day on Nov. 11, immediately following the Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. In the interim, an

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Worth passes large vehicle parking ordinance

by Jude Coyle

After an outcry from residents concerning large trucks parked in driveways throughout the Village of Worth, the Village Board instructed their attorneys to draw up the proper paperwork. On July 16, Attorney W. Grant Farrar of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd., presented the Board with Ordinance 02-12. It states, "...It is unlawful...to park any large vehicle between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM...on any public street, alleyway, or public property; or on any property zoned single family...or multi family residential..."

The ordinance went on to define large vehicles as trucks or second division vehicles; busses; tow trucks; commuter vans designed to carry more than 10 passengers; road tractors, semitrailers; special hauling vehicles; truck tractors; medical transports; some recreation vehicles; and limousines.

Police Chief Patrick O'Connor commented, "We have complaints about trucks left running all night." During the winter months engines that large must be kept warm, and one way is to leave it running. Other complaints had to do with truckers beginning their day at 3 AM, and starting their engines then. Neighbors had complained of engine parts scattered about lawns during repairs, and about how unsightly it is to peer out a kitchen window into a truck window.

Resident Burt Travis opposed the ban. "That's why I bought here 15 years ago," he said. Considering the state of the economy Mr. Travis felt

hard pressed to pay for parking elsewhere. He asked about a provision in the ordinance for a special dispensation. Attorney Farrar explained. The Police Chief or his designee may issue a special parking permit in the case of extreme hardship. The permit would not exceed a 48 hour period, and could not be issued more than twice in a calendar year.

At that meeting Trustee Georgia Prendergast reported on the contents of a letter from the Cook County Department of Health pertaining to under age tobacco sales. The Village was advised to pass an ordinance restricting tobacco sales to those under 18. After checking with several tobacco retailers, she felt that the move was unnecessary and restrictive.

Retailers who display self service racks would be required to reconfigure their stores. Tobacco companies pay a premium to retailers for installing those racks. To take them out would cause the retailer to lose that premium.

Trustee Werner explained that he had visited 12 retailers. All had told him that the State had repeatedly sent them minors with false ID's. In all cases, the minors were sent away without cigarettes.

Trustee Rhein asked the Board to approve an outlay of \$800 to purchase Knox boxes. Each box costs \$189. They would be hooked up at the Village Hall, Golf Course, Police Department, Public Works garages and the Club House. During an emergency, the Fire Department could use to the box to gain entry without causing damage to the building.

Trustee John O'Connell

asked Chief Don Stefaniak to check Knox for a better box. "Anyone can knock these boxes down with a baseball bat," O'Connell said. "I'd rather spend more money and set them flush into the brickwork." Chief Stefaniak agreed, saying that the boxes would be set high and an alarm would hook them up with the Police Department. He preferred to stay with Knox because other fire departments use that company. If the Worth fire department is tied up, he explained, Roberts Park would respond.

Mayor Guzdziol presented Daxin Mei and Weihon Wu Mei, owners of the Canton Express, with the Golden Spike Award. Mr. Mei moved his business from 11142 S. Harlem to 113th Place and Harlem. The move was complicated by plumbing and other problems. According to Mayor Guzdziol, Mr. Mei worked especially hard, cooperating fully with the Building Department on every aspect of the move.

"The Golden Spike."

Reduced fare cards available

The RTA Reduced Fare Sign Up Program will be available at the Worth Village Hall on Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. until noon. All senior citizens (65 and older) are invited to sign up for the RTA Reduced Fare Program. It entitles each senior to a 50 percent discount on Metra, Pace, CTA, and RTA. The registration will be conducted at no cost.

Guздziol explained "Represented laying tracks for the cross continental railroad." Irish and European laborers worked from the east, and Chinese laborers worked from the west, eventually connecting two sets of tracks with a golden spike.

Mayor Guzdziol also reported that he had paid \$100 to join with 130 other communities in the 'Dollars for Scholars' scholarship fund. Nicor will give the Village \$500 to be given to college bound students to use for their educations. If the Village can raise \$1000 in donations, Nicor will match that.

Mayor Guzdziol reported that he had attended a meeting in Chicago Ridge about the Harlem Corridor. This takes in all the land one mile in either direction of Harlem, from I-55 to I-80. That takes in the Entire village. Participation will provide the Village with studies concerning

In order to register as a senior for the Reduced Fare Program, seniors must bring in the following:

1. If on Medicare, bring the Medicare card.
2. Bring one of the following documents as a form of identification: drivers license, expired RTA Reduced Fare permit, passport, State of Illinois Identification card, U.S. Immigration Alien Registration Card, other official Government Identification with a photo and birth date.

Photos will be taken and affixed to the reduced fare permits. Hats, scarves and sunglasses should not be worn.



Left to right front row: Joe Varanauski, Alsip Sertoma Club member; Gus van den Brink, Sertoma Centre executive director; Margaret Shanahan, individual at Sertoma Centre; William Quinn, POW-R Sertoma Club president. Left to right back row: Frank Tomecek, POW-R Sertoma Club member; Michael Colella, American Heritage Sertoma Club president; John Lombard, vice-president of Lombard Company; Peg Ochlyski, American Heritage Sertoma Club member.

Sertoma Centre Celebrates Grand Reopening

Sertoma Centre, Inc., recently held its grand re-opening ceremony celebrating the completion of its newly renovated administrative and job training facility at 4343 W. 123rd St. in Alsip. The renovations were created for the agency's senior, social adjustment, and development training programs, as well as Insite Training Systems, the community employment division.

This facility had been overcrowded with small office spaces and a cramped warehouse designated for its various programs. It has made a wonderful transformation into spacious offices and remodeled workspaces with enhanced lighting, freshly painted walls, new carpeting and renovated bathroom and kitchen facilities for the individuals Sertoma Centre serves.

In the 31 years the agency has been established, it has grown from 3,200 square feet, 11 clients and 3 employees to over 90,000 square feet in 2 facilities. The second facility located in Alsip houses the rehabilitative program for those with developmental disabilities and mental illnesses and the high school skill-training program.

Today, Sertoma Centre, Inc. serves more than 600 individuals with disabilities each year from 45 south/southwest suburbs.

To learn more about Sertoma Centre or to make a financial contribution in support of this non-profit agency, contact Sertoma Centre's Advancement Department, 4343 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803. (708) 371-9700.

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Engineers offer solutions to homeland security challenges

A recent survey conducted by the National Society of Professional Engineers concluded that 65 percent of Americans believe that our national infrastructure will be the next terrorist target. Ninety percent of respondents believe advances in technology are the answers to this and other homeland security concerns.

"Engineers play a critical role in protecting our nation's most vulnerable areas," said Patrick J. Natale, P.E., CAE, F.NSPE, executive director of NSPE.

"Because engineers have designed nuclear power plants, water resources, and public transportation and communications systems, they have the unique expertise to offer the solutions to many of our homeland security concerns. In fact, engineers are already designing and developing measures to help protect our nation's infrastructure from potential terrorist attacks."

Engineers offer the following technological solutions to help protect our in-

frastucture- nuclear power plants, water resources, public transportation and communications systems.

Surveys have found that 23 percent of Americans think that nuclear power plants are the "most likely" target for a future terrorist attack on American soil.

Safety measures offered include evacuation methods for communities surrounding plants based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements. Engineers also recommend that nuclear power plants install surveillance cameras at all nuclear power plants, issue 'special access requirements' to employees who must enter protected areas, and install fences and other barriers around nuclear power plants.

Surveys also found that 18 percent of Americans believe that our nation's water resources are our "most likely" target for a future attack.

Engineers are developing 'real time' monitoring systems to detect when a chemical or biological agent has been introduced into a water

distribution system. Through early warning and detection, these tools can prevent an attack on an entire water treatment system.

Surveys also found that 12 percent of Americans believe that our nation's public transportation is our "most likely" target for a future attack.

Surveys also found that eight percent of Americans believe that our nation's communications systems are the "most likely" target for a future attack.

Engineers are developing "redundant systems" through which different phone lines can use the same primary communications network. If a telephone network is brought down, another network connected to the same line could sustain service.

Engineers are also designing network facilities systems that are less accessible to the public and thus less susceptible to tampering.

NSPE conducted a nationwide telephone survey in June of 2002 of 1,024 Americans 18 years of age and older to gauge their perceptions of various issues related to homeland security.

NSPE, founded in 1934, is the national society of engineering professionals from all disciplines that promote the ethical and competent practice of engineering, advocates licensure and enhances the image and well-being of its members.

Oak Lawn tennis tournament

Tennis enthusiasts came together to participate in the Oak Lawn Park District's 23rd Annual Tennis Tournament on the weekend of July 13 to 14 at the outdoor tennis courts at Richards High School (105th Street and Central Ave.).

"We had a magnificent weekend of tennis with pleasant weather and clear skies," said Mike Sutko, tournament director.

Winner and runners-up all received trophies in the following categories:

In the Men's Open Singles, Oak Lawn's Nick Mesco won 1st place, and Oak Lawn's John Siuta won 2nd place.

In the Men's Open Doubles, Oak Lawn's Nick Mesco and Oak Lawn's John Williams came in 1st place, and Palos Hill's Don Duddlestone and Oak Lawn's Chuck Yureskes came in 2nd.

In the Women's Open Singles, Oak Forest's Debbie Wacek came in 1st place and Hinsdale's Diane Sarther came in 2nd place.

In the Boy's 16 and Under Doubles, Chicago Ridge's Kurt Bardelli and Oak Lawn's Mike Wojnarowski came in 1st place, and Oak Lawn's Charles Karczewski and Oak Lawn's Kevin Quach came in 2nd place.

In the Boy's 14 and Under Singles, Oak Lawn's Dan Bunce came in 1st place, and Oak Lawn's Peter Danos came



Second-place finisher Peter Danos, of Oak Lawn, congratulates first-place winner Dan Bunce, of Oak Lawn, in the Boys 14 & under singles category at the Oak Lawn Park District's 23rd Annual Tennis Tournament.

in 2nd place.

In the Girl's 16 and Under Doubles, Oak Lawn's Carla Gunderson and Oak Lawn's Sam Metcalf came in 1st place, and Oak Lawn's Melissa Lopez and Oak Lawn's Bernadette Strama won 2nd place.

In the Girl's 14 and Under

Singles, Chicago's Melissa Kopinski won 1st place and Oak Lawn's Sarah Zavala won 2nd place.

For more information on the tournament or fall tennis programs, call the Oak Lawn Park District's Racquet & Fitness Club at 708-857-2215, or e-mail at info@olbarks.com

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Computer classes

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., is offering hands-on computer classes throughout the month of August.

Windows for Beginners will be offered on Aug. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Word Processing will take place on

consecutive Tuesdays beginning Aug. 13. Each class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The level 1 class will be on Aug. 13, level 2 will be on Aug. 20, and level 3 will be on Aug. 27.

Patrons can sign up for any class or all classes depending

on each individual's computer needs. There is a fee of \$15 for each two-hour class. The fee must be paid at time of registration. For more information, call the Evergreen Park Public Library at 708-422-8522.

John Hojek from Prairie State College's Corporate Training Dept. will teach the classes using laptop computers.

Scholarship winners announced

The winners of the Joe Pajac Jr. Memorial Scholarships for the year 2002 were announced by the Spartan Athletic Booster Club of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Scholarships were awarded to: Becky Annen,

Jessica Exline, Megan Melvin, and Melissa Storm.

The \$1,000 awards were earned by graduating seniors who had achieved varsity letters, maintained good academic performance, and submitted a written essay.

The awards were pre-

sented by Bonnie Pajac, the widow of Joe Pajac Jr., a long-time, loyal, and hard-working volunteer for the Booster Club, who will be sorely missed.

Congratulations to graduates Becky, Jessica, Megan and Melissa.

Windjammers set sail on East coast vacations

By Kathleen Tobin

We set sail, the open sea before us.

Turning our faces into the wind, we felt its unseen power as it caught, with a whose and a crackling snap, the huge expanse of sails that towered overhead... sails that we had helped hoist!

We were on the Atlantic Coast in Penobscot Bay on the Timberwind, one of the 14 historic Windjammer schooners operating out of Camden, Rockport and Rockland, Maine.

The fortunes and future destinations for the next three days of the 13 guest-adventurers aboard the Timberwind would depend on those winds, for the 70-foot, two-masted, schooner sets her course by the prevailing winds.

None of the schooners have motors, but pull behind them a small motorized dinghy that is able to push them through water if the winds die.

Our sail was the highlight of a June vacation, a two-week, 1500-mile visit to Maine exploring its rugged coastline northward from Portland (an easy direct, two hour 10 minute flight from Chicago and a two-hour drive to the Rockport Camden area) to the Canadian Island of

Campobello and the Bay of Fundy with its four-story high tides.

We had climbed rocky points on a half dozen of Maine's craggy peninsulas, exploring small fishing villages and distinctive lighthouses with the smell and swell of the sea spread out before us.

Now we were on the sea, leaving the harbor and city of Rockport fading in the distance, a magical moment of release, of freespined adventure and refreshing tryst with the mysteries of marine life.

We saw harbor seals, dolphins, eagles, cormorants, cranes, even a huge osprey nest with little heads peaking out over the rim. At night the skies took their turn to reveal the wonders at nature with a fluorescent display hard to match.

Here we were, the 13 strangers, soon-to-be friends, far from the noisy jangle of civilization's jungle with its clogged expressways, beeping cell phones, and crowded schedules, sharing a single-minded devotion... an escape into the solitude and secrets of the sea.

We boarded the Timberwind on Sunday evening. The crew, Becka, Seth and Nonde showed

us around. Our cabin's small space was well-organized. Twin size mattresses, side by side, but bunk-style (with one located under the topside overhang) were very comfortable once you got situated.

A small barrel on a shelf provided water for shaving, washing and teeth brushing. The "head" was positioned off the corridor, a unique apparatus that pumped in seawater for use, then into a holding tank via a series of 10 pumps on the handle.

Eating was another adventure. When was the last time you tasted the unique flavor of food cooked in a wood-fired iron galley stove? Karen, Captain Rick's wife, was the chef.

Monday morning saw us all gathered in the galley for introductions and homemade biscuits, maple sausages, and fluffy pancakes and syrup. Coffee, tea and scones were always available on deck for early risers catching the magical moments of a dawning day at sea.

Clam/corn chowder, scrambled eggs, cheese and macaroni casserole with artichokes and clams, three kinds of quiche, browned potatoes, afternoon teas and homemade cookie treats and always, fresh fruit and homemade muffins and scones were at our fingertips.

A Maine lobster feast greeted us on our first night out. A spinach salad and corn on the cob, willingly picked and husked by

us "sailors" were the succulent side dishes. But who would have thought that a corned beef and cabbage dinner, the next night, complete with soda bread, potato and onion stew and salad could taste almost as good?

All 14 Windjammers are true tall ship sailing vessels, individually owned and U.S. Flag and Coast Guard inspected. Penobscot Bay with more than



Vacationers aboard the Windjammer schooners set sail on the East coast.

3,000 islands is considered one of the best and most beautiful sailing areas in the world.

The uncertainty of the winds found its match in the uncertainty of the weather. In the three days at sea we were exposed to a variety of weather conditions.

On our first day out, after hoisting the sails to the measured beat of an old sea chantey, the wind died down and an enveloping afternoon fog shrouded our schooner in a misty gray cocoon.

The hush of that soft eerie solitude in which we were suspended in a meditative vacuum of nothingness was broken only by the plaintive call of a fog horn.

to play his instrument as if it were a flute or trumpet. It took many tries until I finally succeeded in making a recognizable fog horn wail!

At night, safely anchored off Northaven Island, we layered against the cold of the fog, warming up with hot coffee and tea. A tent was erected over the main deck and thus began an unforgettable evening of singing sea chants with Becka, Seth, and Nonde. Becka, her face aglow in the flicker of the oil lamps, accompanying on the concertina.

Tuesday dawned with the barometer rising. Waiting for the wind to rise, Seth rowed a few of us out on the water in the dinghy. The peaceful silence was overwhelming.

The Timberwind, etched in the rising fog, looked truly grand!

Then up the anchor! Eighty feet of chain and a 300-pound anchor were winched out of the depths with all hands helping. And then, the sun broke through.

With sails furled, we glided across waters that glistened and sparkled as if handfuls of diamonds had been tossed across their relentlessly moving currents. An idyllic day at sea and another one on Wednesday! No one wanted it to end.

The Maine-Windjammer season lasts from mid-May to mid-October. Seasickness is rarely a problem, due to the easy motion of the vessel and the protected waters they cruise.

Three- to six-day cruises are priced from \$117 to \$170 per day, all meals included. Family and charter cruises can be booked. For a set of brochures, contact the Maine Windjammer Association at 1-800-807-WIND or www.sailmainecoast.com.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—According to the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), more people visited theme parks and amusement parks throughout the world last year than ever before. This year there will be even more parks and rides to visit. For a full list, go to www.iaapa.org/media/mk-new.htm.

New parents who suffer sleepless nights and have to fend off advice about letting their baby "cry it out" may not find advice they can use in a new book that says it's easy to help a baby fall asleep peacefully. *The No-Cry Sleep Solution* (Contemporary Books, \$14.95) by parent educator Elizabeth Pantley, is full of helpful, caring advice to help readers and their babies get a good night's sleep.

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Peace names volleyball coach

Jennifer Burns of Chicago's Scottsdale neighborhood is the new varsity volleyball coach at Queen of Peace High School.

Burns, a 1992 alumna of Peace, returned to her alma mater last year as assistant varsity volleyball coach, helping coach the Peace Pride to a 30-win season that included a regional and sectional championship.

"Jen is knowledgeable, enthusiastic and a wonderful role model for our young women athletes," said Deb Graham, athletic director at Peace. "I coached her in Windy City when she was in fourth grade, I had the pleasure of observing her phenomenal play when she was on varsity at Peace, and I

coached with her as my assistant last volleyball season. I look forward to working with her in yet another capacity."

From 1992-96, Burns played for Loyola University in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference on a full athletic scholarship. In 1995, Loyola's women's volleyball team made its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Burns was ranked 9th in conference as the Ramblers' leading ace server.

While at Peace, Burns was named to the Chicago Sun-Times All-Star Team and twice named to the Southtown Economist and Southwest News-Herald all-area teams. She played varsity volleyball from 1988-91 and was Peace's MVP for the 1989 season.

"I am amazed at the caliber of playing I've seen at Peace since I've been back," Burns said. "There have been so many positive changes here and we have a great variety of players from the Chicagoland area."

"I look forward to an exciting season and hope to re-

peat the regional and sectional volleyball championships of last year," Burns said. "I know the players have the motivation and enthusiasm to do it!"

Burns earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1996 from Loyola and a master's of science in nursing from Loyola this past spring. She is certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner and works at the Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital of Loyola University.

Burns is currently a camp counselor and camp nurse at the Therese Boyle All-American Volleyball Camp.

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Positive pushing key to school success

As the new school year approaches, parents and children look forward with excitement, hope and fear about how the kids will do in school this year. Parents who wonder about what they can do differently this year to help their children succeed and be happy may want to heed the advice of Dr. Jim Taylor, author of "Positive Pushing: How to Raise a Successful and Happy Child" (Hyperion, 2002), who recently appeared on the "Today Show."

Some parents believe that pushing their children is important so that they can get a good education and achieve success as an adult, but fear that their children may rebel. Other parents believe the experience of a "happy child-

hood" is more important than achievement, but fear that their children may become unmotivated, self-satisfied, and not do anything with their lives. In his book, Taylor resolves this "either/or" trap showing that success and happiness can go hand-in-hand. He makes the distinction between those children who simply achieve success and those who are successful achievers "B" children who attain success and also gain happiness in their achievement efforts. Taylor shows parents how to provide children with a positive, caring and motivating impetus to seek out success and happiness.

Five "positive pushing" tips from Taylor for helping children get ready to go back

to school: Examine what your values are and make sure you are communicating those values to your child every day in what you say and how you act; Set expectations that emphasize healthy values that will help your child become successful and happy, for example, hard work, responsibility, cooperation, patience, and persistence, rather than expectations that stress grades, results, and other outcomes; Have a life of your own that is meaningful and satisfying. If you have your own life, you won't need to invest yourself excessively in your child's achievements; Help your child find a passion. If they find something they love to do, they will be successful and happy; Allow

your child to experience all emotions; don't assuage, placate, or distract them from their feeling. Help them to identify, understand, and express their emotions in a healthy way.

"The ability of your child to become a successful achiever will be grounded in essential values that you foster in him or her," Taylor said. "You must learn to act on your values and beliefs, and become a positive, active and purposeful force in your child's life. I believe that you should push your child. Not only is it okay, it is your right, responsibility, and your absolute moral imperative as a parent."

Ultimately, Taylor gives parents permission to positively push children to become a successful achiever and empowers parents with useful psychological insights and strategies to guide parents in raising children to be successful and happy adults.

Moraine honored for workforce programs

Moraine Valley has been recognized by the Illinois Community College Board with its annual Award for Excellence in Workforce Development for its innovative project with Modern Drop Forge of Blue Island.

"These colleges have shown leadership and true community involvement by fostering these working partnerships with the employers and other educational systems of their districts," said Edward T. Duffy, board chair, in presenting the awards at the Board's June 14 meeting.

"We are honored to have received this award, and I want to thank our staff in Workforce Development and Community Services, under the leadership of Dean Douglas Brauer, for their innovation and commitment making this project with Modern Drop Forge such a successful relationship," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of Moraine Valley. "This project is the type of venture that can benefit other companies in our community and demonstrates the college's ability to come up with creative solutions to helping our

business community succeed."

"Illinois community colleges continue to be the state's premiere provider of workforce development for adults in Illinois. It is a pleasure to recognize these community colleges for their dedication and foresight. They all have worked hard to improve the employment and job training needs of their communities, and we congratulate them for their efforts," said Joseph J. Cipfl, president and chief executive officer of the ICCB.

The innovative program took the now common, portable computer lab to a new level by developing a portable Programmable Logic Controller training lab. Moraine Valley developed the portable lab at low cost and was able to offer training on-site to compensate for Modern Drop Forge's lack of training space and minimize the time away from the employees' work while maintaining production. Moraine Valley is now able to meet this local need for PLC training with a flexible and efficient portable lab.

Notary certification class

The United Notary is offering two classes for those who want to become notary publics. The sessions will be offered on Aug. 27 at Holiday Inn, 5300 W. Touhy Ave. in Skokie. On Aug. 29, a session will be offered at Holiday Inn, 1801 N. Naper Blvd. in Naperville.

Check-in is at 7:15 a.m.

Training begins at 9 a.m. Limited seating is available and previous seminars have been completely filled.

The fee is \$139 for the first registration (or \$159 if not postmarked before Aug. 12). Each additional registration is \$119 (or \$139 if not postmarked by Aug. 12).

The fee includes a workbook, sample testing and certificate of completion.

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Identifying your management style

Consider the styles of the following two managers. Andrea tends to be a perfectionist, setting rigid deadlines and goals and placing her own ideas above those of her employees. Bob, on the other hand, is more of a consensus-builder. He places a priority on creating strong relationships with her people, sometimes to the detriment of getting projects done. Both are good managers, yet both have areas of inherent weakness.

What about your own management style? Are you more of an Andrea or a Bob? What if you could learn to be a more effective, successful blend of both?

Now you can. "The 2R Manager: When to Relate, When to Require and How to Do Both Effectively?" (Jossey-Bass/A Wiley Company, July 2002, \$19.95) - a new book by former CEO of Hewitt Associates, Peter E. Friedes - offers some eye-opening insights and advice on how to become better at

your job by understanding your natural management style. The author says that everyone is either a natural Requirer (Andrea) or a natural Relater (Bob).

Those who naturally require are weaker at relating - sometimes much weaker - and vice versa. Friedes is careful to assert that neither type of manager is "better" than the other. On the contrary, the best managers have the ability to do both well, and know when to choose one over the other.

The book provides surveys and tests that help you identify on the matrix, you'll learn how to become more versatile, switching between styles at appropriate moments. That's what it means to be a 2R manager.

Generally speaking, the ideal Requiring manager focuses on results, achievement, quality, accuracy, innovation, service and profitability. Requiring managers believe that it is necessary to carefully monitor quality in

order to achieve it. Getting the task done right is a mantra, and these managers insist that work be re-done if it's wrong. They concentrate on setting and meeting both deadlines and goals. They delight in exceeding their boss's expectations and take pride in working hard and personally achieving significant objectives.

The ideal Relating manager, on the other hand, focuses on establishing a good working relationship with each person he manages, believing that a good relationship is necessary in order to work effectively and achieve good results. In many instances, Relating managers are motivated by an ideal: they want to help others succeed. As a result, they provide guidance designed to facilitate strong performance.

Of course, few managers-Requrers or Relaters-live up to these "ideals." They tend to exhibit certain predictable less-than-ideal behaviors that prevent them from doing

their job effectively. That fact is why this book was written: to help managers improve on their "weaker" tendencies and learn to quit over-relying on the stronger ones.

Five Ways to Reduce Over-Relating: (Excerpted from "The 2R Manager: When to Relate, When to Require, and How to Do Both Effectively," by Peter E. Friedes.)

1. Add the words "long-term" to how you think and what you need. Increase the time frame over which you ask yourself if your relationship is okay. Work toward understanding that the relationship you really want is a long-term respectful one. Act as if you want them to thank you for all your help at their retirement dinner. Provide them with the information they need to grow, even thought you think they won't like to hear it.

2. Play "Will it really make a difference?" For example, will it really make a difference if you don't spend any time today guessing what others are thinking, liking or disliking? Try to catch your-

self when this starts to happen and stop it for a few days.

3. Find a symbol or object in your office that can be used to represent your desire to avoid being excessive in a particular activity. Whenever you look at it, it is a reminder.

4. Pretend you are an actress or actor in a soap opera. Your role has been to be everyone's friend, reaching out to meet others' needs. This week, however, the screenwriters are developing your character, asking you to be more obnoxious, contemplative about your needs.

5. "Try to 'Find the Obstacle' approach on the activity you want to reduce. For example, ask yourself what stops you from reducing how often you ask people how they are doing. Your obstacle might be 'I'm afraid that if I don't ask, he might become unhappy and start looking for another job.' In this situation, you might tell him: 'I am always available to discuss your career, your satisfactions and dissatisfactions, and anything else that is on your mind. Just let me know if you want to talk.'"

Mardi Gras Village Green

The Oak Lawn Events Commission is sponsoring a MARDI GRAS night on the Oak Lawn Village Green on Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. The Outcast Jazz Band will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. Guests should bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the music from the lawn. Refreshments will be available for purchase from Christensen's Popcorn Wagon, Boy Scout Troop #596 and the Village of Oak Lawn. For more information contact Jayne Powers at 708-499-7738.

What smokers deserve to know

By Joseph Bast

During the past 23 years I have smoked cigarettes, pipes, and (currently) cigars. It has bothered me for a long time that I have never been informed of how health risks of these three choices compare. I did not know low-tar cigarettes are "safer" than regular or unfiltered cigarettes. I still don't know how much risk I am facing by smoking one cigar every evening rather than switching to chewing tobacco, or perhaps smoking two filtered cigarettes.

My ignorance

Thanks for W. Kip Viscusi's new book, "Smoke-Filled Rooms: A Postmortem on the Tobacco Deal" (University of Chicago Press, 2002). I now know low-tar cigarettes are about 20 percent safer than regular cigarettes in terms of the lung cancer risk. I do not know a single fellow smoker, who, if asked, could tell me smoking light cigarettes reduces his chance of lung cancer by about 20 percent.

None of the ads for the above-mentioned products makes comparative health claims, nor does such information appear on their packaging. I can recall having been told just once that smoking less has genuine health benefits. That one person was a cardiologist in Rockford, Ill., who said smoking fewer than

7 cigarettes a day was probably harmless... an observation so astounding to me that I have repeated it to many fellow smokers over the years, prompting more than a few to attempt to reduce (but not quit entirely) their smoking. As a smoker, I want to know about the risks of the products I use. I am not too stupid or addicted to understand comparative health claims and act on them. Research by Nobel Laureate economist Gary Becker and others has found people with strong habits and addictions nevertheless react rationally to information and incentives. The spread of light cigarettes demonstrates my fellow smokers are not too apathetic to change their conduct in response to information.

So why aren't we told about the comparative health risks of different tobacco products?

No advertising allowed

Health care claims are missing from tobacco advertising because tobacco companies are discouraged or prohibited by the courts, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Surgeon General from making comparative health claims in their advertising. The assumption underlying such policies is that having more information might prompt those who would otherwise quit to merely switch to a less-risky form of the

same vice, or trick people (especially young people) into beginning a habit with the idea that it isn't as dangerous as it used to be.

I recently attended a debate over tobacco advertising in which Matthew Meyers, head of the Coalition for Tobacco-Free Kids and a leading anti-tobacco activist, said adult smokers must be denied access to comparative health claims in order to avoid attracting children to tobacco products. Whether advertising targets teenagers or has much influence over their decisions is much disputed. But more to the point, Meyers has no right to deprive smokers of information about the choices they are making.

In his personal reflections on morality and justice, Meyers is free to put the interests of children ahead of adult smokers if he likes. But he has no right to use the power of the state to impose that choice on others. Prohibiting comparative health claims from appearing in tobacco advertising deprives 25 percent of the adult population of information they genuinely want and would put to good use.

This is an injustice at least, and probably an act of aggression done under the cloak of "public interest advocacy." Either way, it is a violation of my rights and the rights of some

45 million other Americans.

A producer's right, too

The producers of tobacco products, too, have a right to communicate the features of their products to consumers. The U.S. Supreme Court has held producers have the conditional right to convey truthful information about their products to consumers.

The First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." I have never been able to find in those words and exception for commercial speech, though some courts have and many regulations currently assume such an exception.

While courts and regulators have been less than consistent in upholding a First Amendment right to commercial speech, it is a bedrock issue for civil and economic libertarians. As Robert Ekelund and David Saurman wrote recently:

The crucial point is that advertising is an expression of opinion in addition to being factually informative. For personal and individual freedom to exist in a society, government cannot regulate or suppress the free exchange of opinion between free people, be it news, literature editorial commentary, or advertising. Individual freedom is eroded once governmental regulation and control of the market for ideas is imposed.

Carving out from the First Amendment an exception for commercial speech assumed false distinctions between ideas

and goods, thought and actions. Can freedom of speech genuinely be protected if speech referring to goods or services we wish to make available to others is somehow considered "nonspeech?" What ideas and thought do we have that do not relate in some way to what we are willing to do for others, and under what terms?"

As historian Richard Pipes wrote recently, "what a man is, what he does, and what he owns are of a piece, so that the assault on his belongings is an assault also on his individuality and his right to life."

"Advertising", write Ekelund and Saurman, "seems to be the lone exception to the rule of no government interference in the ideas market, an exception steeped in illogical and contradictory argument."

What it's about, really

The rights of smokers and the companies who produce tobacco products are being violated, and as a result the health of millions of smokers is being put at risk. If just 10 percent of smokers switched to smokeless tobacco, for example, an astonishing 26.8 million life-years would be saved. That won't happen because smokers aren't being told of the benefits of switching.

Restrictions on tobacco advertising are hardly the only assault smokers have had to endure lately. Just last week, the Illinois state legislature approves a plan to "solve" the state's huge budget deficit principally by bor-

rowing against future income from the 1998 tobacco settlement and by raising cigarette taxes another \$0.40 a pack, to \$0.98 a pack. Smokers, in other words, will bear virtually the entire cost of bailing out the state. Nary a voice was raised against the obvious injustice of such a deal.

Why is this situation tolerated? I think smokers became fair game for regulators, tax hikers, and self-anointed dogooders when our numbers fell below 25 percent of all adults in recent years. This seems to be a magical threshold: Politicians can do whatever they want to smokers now that our votes are too few to put them in office.

Being a white heterosexual male of middle income and no illegal drug habits, I've avoided falling into a bona fide minority group until now. I'm beginning to feel the sting of official discrimination that ethnic and other minority groups have long felt, of being punished for something that should be nobody else's business but my own. I'm angry because I know there is no political solution to my predicament: Non-smokers get to make tobacco policies, regardless of which political party is in power.

It's almost enough to make me consider quitting my long-time habit. But then, the dogooders will have won. On second thought, I may just drive 30 minutes south to Indiana. Cigarette taxes there are just \$0.13 a pack.

Moraine receives top marks

Moraine Valley is getting high marks all around for the success of its graduates and programs.

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for degrees and certificates conferred.

Moraine Valley's Industrial Technology programs have the highest number of occupational graduates employed full time, according to a recent college survey.

Ninety-nine percent of Moraine Valley's 1999-2000 transfer graduates responding to the survey said they would recommend Moraine Valley to friends and faculty members.

Moraine Valley's small

class sizes, course variety, quality instruction, affordable tuition and flexible, convenient class scheduling can provide the education students need to thrive in today's job market or to excel in a four-year institution after transferring with an associate degree.

Registration for the Fall 2002 semester is underway. Information on all classes is available in the fall 2002 class schedule or online at www.morainevalley.edu.

Moraine offers unique Spanish classes

Moraine Valley offers two unique Spanish courses for the fall 2002 semester.

Career Spanish for Health Care I (Spanish 115) is designed for people in health care professions who wish to develop basic communication skills for interaction with Spanish-speaking clientele. With a focus on basic conversation, the course emphasizes question-answer patterns, high-frequency expressions and key medical vocabulary. The course is ideal for working professionals and will generally transfer to a degree

program. The class meets Wed. evenings from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m., beginning Aug. 21.

Conversational Spanish (Spanish 205) provides practice in speaking and understanding everyday Spanish in real-life situations. With a focus on speaking activities, the course emphasizes question-answer patterns, advanced grammar and cultural influences on spoken Spanish. The course is ideal for those looking to improve or sharpen their Spanish-speaking skills and will generally

transfer to a degree program. The prerequisite for the course is Spanish 201 or four years of high school Spanish.

The class meets Mon. and Wed. from 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., beginning Aug. 19.

For information on either class, contact professor Keith Phillips at 708-974-5623.

Classes begin the week of Aug. 19. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling 708-974-2110 (TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556).

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By: Georgian Fitzgerald

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When the BTG first appeared on the scene, the group was a program of the Chicago Park District performing at Marquette, Graver and Ridge Parks. In 1963, some theatre regulars decided to branch out in the belief that they could experiment and prosper independently.

On May 17, 1963 the new BTG was founded with a production of "The Desk Set" presented at St. Xavier College. Productions followed at schools and restaurants, as they looked for a permanent home. In the Late 1960's, the Guild joined other community organizations in supporting the creation of the Beverly Art Center, located on 111th St. near Morgan Park Academy.

The news stage was inaugurated in 1969 at the production, "Light up the Sky". Since then, all Guild productions have been staged there.

The reporter served as corresponding secretary, treasurer, and as president. It had been declining and someone had said, "it was going down the tubes", but many were able to stop the decline and bring the BTG to a continuous rise in popularity.

Members, such as, Chuck Zaper, and Jan Dignon, and so many others stepped up to the plate and saved the Guild from closing down. How did they do it? First they in turn changed the season show offerings to now popular plays that would appeal to a diversified audience.

With each of their choices, the BTG was able to make a profit. From that point on the Guild has successfully risen, and continues to be successful. Their 2002-2003 is as follows: To Kill a Mocking Bird, Oct. 26, 27, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 2003. Can Can Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 2003. Steel Magnolias May 2, 3, 4, 2003. When the new Art Center is available all the performance will be at the Beverly Art Center 111th St. and Western.

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Drive in Matteson, IL. Thomas C. Grace, Chairman of the 2002 Reunion, said that over 500 troopers belong to the 188th and are registered with the 11th Airborne Division Association, and troopers from all Airborne Units are welcome.

The 188th Regiment was a Paratrooper/Glider Infantry Regiment. The 188th was instrumental in freeing civilian prisoners from behind enemy lines in the Philippines in World War II.

Registration for the 188th Regiment Reunion is Thursday, August 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Matteson. Cost for the reunion is \$75.00 per person, and a block of rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Matteson for reunion attendees at an additional cost. Call the hotel at 708-747-3500 for special room rates for the 188th Regiment Reunion attendees.

A reception for 188th Troopers will take place Thursday,

August 22 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the hotel. Friday August 23 begins with a breakfast from 8:00-11:00 a.m., and a bus trip to the Horseshoe Casino with an all-you-can-eat buffet for an additional \$25.00 charge. The 188th Regiment Banquet is set for Saturday, August 24 at the hotel, and the reunion concludes the following day, Sunday, August 25.

For more information call Reunion Chairman Thomas C. Grace at 708-862-5980.

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Fall events at St. Francis

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, 12935 S. Gregory Street, is offering a variety of events this fall for seniors, parents, teens, children, men and women.

The Men's Wellness Event will be held on Sat., Oct. 19 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will be held at the Orland Township Activity Center, 15100 94th Ave.

For \$40, the event will include a cardiac presentation from Dr. Henry Shin, Heart Care Centers of Illinois; complete cholesterol profiles, PSA screenings, cancer and cardiac risk assessments, a pilates strength training demonstration, colorectal cancer take-home kits, body fat composition testing, chair massages, refreshments, give aways and raffle prizes.

Complete Cholesterol Profiles & PSA Cancer screenings will also be available on Sat., Sept. 14 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Orland Township Activity Center. On Sept. 24, the screenings will be available at St. Francis. Call 708-385-4433 for an appointment.

Wellness Weekend Workshop will be held on Sat., Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Alsip Radisson Hotel, 5000 W. 127th Street. The \$40 fee includes luncheon, dessert, and program materials

An infant massage workshop will be held on Sat., Oct. 26 from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. at St. Francis. The workshop will be taught by a certified massage therapist and an exercise physiologist and a new mother. The fee is \$20.

Free glucose screenings will be available on Nov. 5 at St. Francis. A four-hour fast and an appointment is required.

Tone & Tighten will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 9 until Oct. 2 from 5 to 6 p.m. Held at St. Francis, the eight-week class will focus on stretching and strengthening exercises that utilize own body weight, bands and tubing. The fee is \$25 and \$20 for seniors.

Hatha Yoga will be held on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 11 until Oct. 26 from 6:15 to 7 p.m. The beginner class, held at St. Francis, will teach proper postures, breathing techniques, exercises, meditation and safety awareness. The fee is \$45 and \$35 for seniors.

Authentic Pilates, a six-week class, is an effective way to improve your posture and body awareness, gain flexibility, strength, energy and mental focus by working through your "powerhouse." The class is offered from 6 to 7 p.m. from Oct. 1 until

Nov. 5 at St. Francis. The fee is \$30 and \$20 for seniors.

Tai Chi, a six-week, low-key martial arts program designed to reduce stress and strengthen muscles will be held on Mondays from Oct. 28 until Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis. The fee is \$30 and \$25 for seniors.

Lower Body Sculpt will be held on Wednesdays from Nov. 6 until Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The five-week class will focus completely on stretching and strengthening the lower body including the quadriceps, hamstrings, low back, abdominals and gluteals.

Adult CPR/AED, Infant/Child CPR, and First Aid Basics classes will be held at St. Francis for \$35 each class. American Red Cross certification will be provided. The course is not instructed by a health care provider. Call 708-385-4433 for dates, times and registration.

The Open Airways-Asthma Management program will be offered on Nov. 11, 13, 18, 20 and 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. The group lessons are sponsored by the American Lung Association for elementary-age children with asthma. The \$5 fee includes class materials and refreshments.

Two massage therapy

packages at St. Francis Hospital. "Complete Serenity," which costs \$80, includes a 1 and 1/2 hour Aromatherapy Swedish treatment designed to relax and decrease stress within the body. "Energize and Invigorate" is also \$80 and includes a one hour sport massage with a half hour of reflexology treatment to restore and rebalance the body both mentally and physically. Call 708-597-2000 ext. 4222 to make an appointment.

Teen Smoking Cessation Program is a unique three-part program designed to teach teens the dangers of tobacco use and provide information on how to quit. The program costs \$30 and classes are held on Sept. 23, 25, 26 and Nov. 4, 6, and 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 708-597-2000 ext. 4222

The American Lung Association program "Freedom from Smoking" held at St. Francis Hospital is an eight-week program that emphasizes how to master the health of one's own life through behavioral changes in activities and setting a "quit date." A free orientation to learn more about the program will be held on Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. The regular program costs \$65 and begins Oct. 15 until Dec. 3. Class will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Call 708-385-4433 to register for each event.

Cancer program

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites cancer patients, their families and those who support them to a special program: "Stop, Look and Listen to Your Life."

The program will encourage all to notice, pay attention and be aware of spiritual energy sources and drains. The input will be simple and practical focusing on God's desires in our turbulent world. Our program is pre-

sented by Sister Deborah Conley, L.C.M., R.N., M.P.S.

Space is limited at the free program, which includes refreshments. The lecture will take place Aug. 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1, on the main floor of The Cancer Center, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park. Valet parking is available at the 95th and California Ave. entrance to the Hospital.

For reservations and information, call 708-229-6001.

St. Francis appoints cardiologist

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is pleased to announce the appointment of one of its newest members to the medical staff, Dominick J. Stella, MD, Cardiology. Dr. Stella received his medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, Chicago in 1995, and served his residency at Loyola University Medical Center. He is Board Certified

in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology. Dr. Stella specializes in Interventional Cardiology procedures. His office is located in the Heart Care Centers of Illinois, 2338 New Street, Blue Island, 60406. The office phone number is 708-824-1114.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center has been serving the Blue Island and surrounding communities since 1905. St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is owned and operated by SSM Health Care System and is sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, whose convent is located in St. Louis, MO.

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Peace scholarship winners

Queen of Peace High School in Burbank has awarded academic scholarships for the 2002-2003 school year to 15 first-year students based on their outstanding performance on the school's entrance exam.

Fresh scholars from Oak Lawn are Kelly Coughlin, St. Gerlad; Colleen Dansart, St. Louis de Montfort; and Kathleen Szalko, St. Gerald.

Also awarded scholarships are Lauren Andersen of Justice, Wilkins Junior High; Ashley Hilt of Blue Island, St. Walter; Mary Kelly of Evergreen Park, St. Bernadette; Sarah Human of Hickory Hills, Wilkins Junior High; Jessica Lehocky of Burbank, Luther Burbank; and Kimberly Ploskonka of Riverside, Hauser Junior High.

Incoming frosh from Chi-

cago receiving scholarships are Jennifer Baluk, Lenart; Julie Egeland, St. Christina; Yurica Fultz, St. Thomas More; Alana Grandau, St. Joseph; Pamela Nisivaco, Clissold; and Sandra Pena, Pope John Paul II.

Vehicle sticker deadline

Oak Lawn 2002-2003 vehicle stickers must be affixed to the windshields of vehicles by midnight Aug. 15.

Vehicle stickers are sold daily, Mon. through Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 9446 S. Raymond Ave.

The Finance Department will be open on Sat., Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tues. Aug. 13 until 8 p.m. for the convenience of the residents who cannot purchase their vehicle stickers during the week. A \$10 penalty will be in effect on Aug. 16.

For more information, call 708-499-7738.

NARFE meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond Ave.

The non-profit organization consists of retired federal employees, their spouses and

current active employees who live in southwest Chicago and the southwest suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service the many questions retirement and pre-retirement brings.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, call 708-458-4990.


Six Flags closes ride

Six Flags Great America is saying goodbye to "The Whizzer," one of the theme park's classic roller coasters.

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Update on Pledge case

By Mathew D. Staver, Esq.
Liberty Counsel

I'm sure you have heard by now that Michael Newdow, the atheist who brought the Pledge of Allegiance case, may have committed perjury by falsely representing in court that his daughter and the mother, who is separated from Newdow, are both Christians. The case is beginning to unravel.

In the meantime, Liberty Counsel signed on to an amicus brief authored by the United States Justice Foundation. This brief requests the entire Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to rehear the case. If the rehearing is granted, Liberty Counsel will file a brief in defense of the Pledge.

Liberty Counsel is still collecting petitions to send to the Speaker of the House requesting Congress to begin impeachment proceedings against the two judges who issued this ridiculous opinion.

We have just received our brand new Pledge of Allegiance t-shirts. The shirts display the entire Pledge with the words, "One Nation Un-

der God" in bright gold letters. Wouldn't it be great to have thousands of students across America start school this year wearing the Pledge to class? You can order these beautiful shirts by clicking on <http://www.lc.org>. The t-shirt is displayed in full color. By ordering online, the shirts cost only \$12.00 with no shipping or handling charge.

Update on same-sex marriage movement:

In our recent case of Burns V. Burns, the Georgia court ruled that a Vermont Civil Union is not a marriage, and even if it were, Georgia won't recognize it as a marriage. A few days ago, a Connecticut court ruled that a Vermont Civil Union may not be dissolved in that state, because Connecticut also doesn't recognize civil unions or same-sex marriage. Together these two cases mean that (1) a Vermont Civil Union is valid only in Vermont, (2) a Vermont Civil Union is not a marriage, (3) a state may reject same-sex marriage even if another state or foreign nation were to recognize same-sex marriage, and (4) to dissolve a Civil Union, the applicant must return to Vermont.

Over 83 percent of Vermont Civil Unions have been issued to non-residents. To obtain a civil union, Vermont does not require residency, but to dissolve one requires at least one year of residency.

The adventures of Lewis and Clark

Nearly two hundred years ago, on Oct. 26, 1803, the Corps of Discovery led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out for a long and treacherous journey. They departed for lands unknown from the Falls of the Ohio in Clarksville, Indiana Territory. The expedition traveled up the mighty Missouri River, traversed the Rocky Mountains and navigated the headwaters of the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean in search of a Northwest Passage. It returned to St. Louis in Sept. 1806 after traveling nearly eight thousand miles. The documented journey and shared finding of the Corps of Discovery made a significant impact on the scientific community and led the way to substantial growth and development of the United States, according to the Indiana Historical Society.

In 1803, the United States negotiated the Louisiana Purchase, buying, from France, millions of acres west of the Mississippi River. The land acquisition doubled the size of the country, but Americans knew little about the new territory. President Thomas Jefferson appointed his personal secretary, Meriwether Lewis, to lead the Corps of Discovery. After training in a variety of areas such as astronomy and medicine, Lewis selected former military comrade and friend William Clark to take part in the journey as his co-captain.

The expedition was a military operation. The government gave Lewis \$2,500 in federal funds to buy items needed for the trip. He requisitioned the best tools, equipment and supplies available from the U.S. Army and private merchants. Lewis' crew loaded seven

tons of gear into a shallow keelboat and two canoe-like pirogues. Supplies included weapons, medicine, clothing, food and presents for the Native Americans they knew they would encounter. Crew members recorded their activities in detailed journals that scholars still depend on today for research.

Encounters with Native Americans required skills in diplomacy. French trader Toussaint Charbonneau and his Shoshone wife, Sacagawea, proved helpful in negotiations, but cultural differences and language barriers sometimes led to con-

licts. Although the expedition faced problems with some tribes, it found others to be peaceful.

Lewis and Clark also made scientific discoveries on their journey. They documented plants, animals, birds and fish that were new to science. Unfortunately, some of the species the Corps members recorded in their journals are now endangered or extinct.

Lewis and Clark returned to St. Louis in Sept. 1806. Their journey increased American interest in fur trading and westward expansion. Their travels produced im-

portant maps of the areas, extended peaceful relations with Indians, made advancements in science and cleared a path for overland travel to the Pacific.

Greek chicken and gyros, among other specialties. Greek pastries will be abundant and delicious.

Greek music and dancing provide a festive backdrop to the games, kiddie rides, and marketplace activities.

Donation of \$2 for adults and children under 12 are free.

Please join us for this wonderful event to benefit the many needs of the church and its school, Koreas. We hope to see you there.

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*Water Signs: This is a month to figure out what you need to feel more financially secure, then stick to it! Someone, however, wants to help you achieve fame, fortune, better health and a lot more love. This can be your mate. Why do you not trust more, fear less and get to the bottom of those dreams you are having? You surely won't be bored or lonely, because others are seeking the same explanations as you are. People born in Capricorn, Dec. 24-Jan. 20, or Saturn influenced also born on the 4-13-22 and 31 of any sign step into your scenario too. Welcome them! M... D and someone J involved too. Slogan for this month should be "I take my head out of the darkness in the sand and look to the light!"

*Earth Signs: It appears that you are coming to understand your own needs as well as those of the people you share life with. People born in both Taurus and Libra or those also influenced by Venus, born on the 6-15 and 24th of any sign can be your better helps, and may show interest in helping you up the ladder of success. J and G and someone in the sign of Aquarius are sure to help you. Why not think about investing in property? Also, you should be taking better care of your health needs. You could try something called Oral Chelation. If you cannot find it, contact us!

*Fire Signs: This is a month where you should end up shouting to the world about how good you feel and how great things are going for you (for a change)! The past nine months have not been easy. But then, everything is said to happen for a reason, right? Right! People born in Leo (July 24 to August 23) or Sun influenced people born on the 1-10-19 or 28th of any sign enter into your plans, your beliefs, and share your enthusiasm for completing a dream. A Capricorn person could be someone to look to for the helps or guidance you need. This person could be an A or someone H.

*Air Signs: You simply must let others know what you want them to do for or with you. You seem to think that nothing can work out unless you do it all yourself. Not true! Everyone needs someone for something at some time. S and R involved in this month's expectations. You might not wish to travel much and there seems to be some unexpected expenses come up... but, you should come out okay. Pisces people and Neptune influenced people (Feb. 19-Mar. 19th or born on the 9-18-27th of any sign) may need your help or you'll need theirs.

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Greekfest 2002

SS. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills will hold its annual GREEKFEST 2002 on Saturday, August 17, 4:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 18, 12:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The menu includes souvlakia (shish-ke-bob),

Bye, Bye Birdie comes to Oak Lawn

Bye, Bye Birdie, the 1960 musical, is the tale of Conrad Birdie, a young rock star, and his exploits before being drafted into the army. Andy Kolanowski of Lansing will portray the title character, and Eric Walton of Orland Park will play his manager, Albert Peterson. Orland Park's Lisa Geiger will play Kim Macafee, the 15 year-old Birdie fan club member who has been selected to be a part of Birdie's farewell publicity stunt. Her parents will be played by Oak Lawn's John Boss and Tinley Park's Lauren Carroll. Gina Vitucci of Mokena will play Rosie, Peterson's secretary, and Chicago's Daniel Frank will play Kim's boyfriend, Hugo Peabody.

Tinley Park's Mark Gorka

is the show's producer. Assisting him are Monee's Curt Lang as the director and Monee's Tammy Lang as the assistant director. The musical director is Palos Heights' Liz Griffin, the choreographer is Chicago's Dawn Schnolis, the conductor is Chicago's Bill Hansen and the set designer is Burbank's Gil Oliva. Paul Nirchi of Orland Park and Dave Heilmann of Oak Lawn are co-executive producers.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$14 for children. Performances will be Aug. 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 708-857-2200.



Pictured from Bye, Bye Birdie are (left to right) Mokena's Gina Vitucci; Oak Lawn's Mary Jo Williamson and Orland Park's Eric Walton.

Dance Gallery opens for fall session registration

Dance Gallery, the state-of-the-art fully air-conditioned dance studio located at 10628 S. Western, Chicago, begins a new 14-week Fall session on Sept. 9.

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available at Dance Gallery.

Registration for previous students is Aug. 19 and 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

All new students may register on Aug. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information about classes and registration, call 773-445-8910 or

visit the Dance Gallery website at www.villageweb.com/dancegallery.

Remember when life's path is steep to keep your mind even.
—Horace

Oak Lawn's Chicago auditions

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its fall production of "Chicago." Auditions open to ages 16

and up will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 100th St., on Wed., Sept. 4 and Fri., Sept. 6 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Call backs, if neces-

sary, will be held on Sun., Sept. 8 at 1 p.m.

According to Producer/Director Paul Nirchi, interested actors are encouraged to come prepared to audition wearing proper dance attire.

After months of rehearsals, "Chicago" will run at the Oak View Center for two continuous weekends; Nov. 8-10, and Nov. 14-17. Thurs. through Sat. shows will begin at 8 p.m. and Sun. shows will be at 3 p.m.

In addition to Nirchi, the show's production staff includes: Brad Kisner, assistant director; Tom Fagan, choreographer; Liz Griffin and Marty Rowsey, co-music directors; Bill Hansen, conductor; and Gil Oliva, set designer. Executive producers

of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre are Nirchi and Dave Heilmann.

Tickets for the November shows will be on sale at the Oak View Center beginning Fri., Aug. during the intermission of the opening-night production of "Bye, Bye Birdie." Prices are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$14 for children. For more information on the audition or production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708-857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.
—Francis Bacon

Southwest Symphony Orchestra events

The Southwest Symphony's exciting 2002-2003 season begins on Sat. Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. at Trinity Christian College's Martin and Janet Ozinga Chapel Auditorium, located at 6601 W. College Drive in Palos Heights. As part of a conductor exchange, Polish guest conductor Piotr Wiatkowski leads the SSO, joined by Chicago-based virtuoso pianist Pawel Chocinski, in Chopin's beloved "Piano Concerto No. 2." Selections by Weber and Frank will also be performed at the concert.

Celebrate the holidays with the SSO, the Music Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, the Orland Park Children's Choir and the Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley in the family concert of Christmas favorites, on Sun., Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at the St. Francis of Assisi Church, 15050 South Wolf Road in Orland Park.

Join the Symphony at the Annual Midwinter Refuge Concert. It will be performed at Trinity Christian College on Sat., Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. The new organ at Trinity Christian College will be showcased in Saint-Saens' rousing "Symphony No. 3 in C Minor" (Organ Symphony), fea-

turing Marilyn Mulder, Instructor of Organ at Trinity Christian College.

Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italian" and "Suite from the Three Penny Opera" by Weil will also be performed at the concert.

Freedom's Ring, the fourth concert, will feature Henry Fogel, president of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, as he narrates Copland's stirring "Lincoln Portrait." The SSO will also perform selections by Smetana, Khachaturian and Sousa on Sat., Mar. 22 at 8 p.m. at Trinity Christian College.

The Rodgers and Hammerstein Extravaganza will be the SSO's final performance of the season. It will be performed on Sat., Apr. 26 at 8 p.m. at Trinity Christian College.

The concert will feature the Grand Prairie Singers, and the Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley. Soloists will join the SSO for an event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Richard Rodgers, an American icon.

For a brochure or for further information, please contact the Southwest Symphony Orchestra at 708-802-0686.

Man's capacities have never been measured; not are we to judge of what he can do by any precedents, so little has been tried.

—Henry David Thoreau

David Toms signs with Pro Tour

Pro Tour Memorabilia, an officially licensed collectible and memorabilia company of the PGA Tour, today announced its new long-term agreement with PGA Tour star and current PGA Champion, David Toms.

"David has truly established himself as one of the new young superstars of the PGA Tour. We are very excited to work with a caliber played like David," said Jonathan Bass, President of Pro Tour Memorabilia.

"I am excited to work with Pro Tour Memorabilia in developing products that will commemorate my major championships and regular

career victories. Pro Tour has positioned themselves at the top of the collectible industry and I look forward to a long relationship," said Toms.

Toms' relationship with Pro Tour Memorabilia is part of an initiative to bring authentic David Toms memorabilia to golf fans throughout the world. Officially licensed memorabilia of David Toms offered by Pro Tour Memorabilia can be verified for authenticity and allows gold enthusiasts and collectors the opportunity to collect with confidence.

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Some believe that emeralds are an emblem of success at love and eternal life.

Law enforcement academy for seniors

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan invites all senior citizens interest in law enforcement and crime awareness issues to enroll in the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy to be held in the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging, 111 W. Harris in LaGrange, beginning Sept. 5.

The Sheriff's Office designed the program to open the lines of communication between senior citizens and law enforcement officials. Participants will gain a better understanding of the responsibilities and duties of law enforcement officials as well as receive advice on personal safety and crime prevention.

"Seniors of today are active, educated and concerned, and in opinion, are one of our

country's greatest resources," Sheahan said. "This program will attempt to unite the senior citizen community more closely with law enforcement for our mutual benefit."

Academy classes meet every Thursday, 10 a.m. until noon, through Oct. 24, when all participants will be honored at a graduation ceremony and reception. Sheahan's office provides the program, free of charge, to any senior citizen living in Cook County.

Top officials from the Cook County Sheriff's Office conduct the eight-session Academy. Each speaker provides pertinent information on an array of topics, including law enforcement agency operations, crimes against seniors, gang & drug awareness, emergency preparedness for seniors, functions of the county jail and courts, and much more.

For more information on the program or to register for the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy classes in LaGrange, call the Sheriff's Office at 773-869-7725 or the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging at 708-354-1312.

Tribute to Deacon Ken

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group is asking all past and present members to please attend a "Tribute to Deacon Ken" on Thursday, September 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Deacon Ken is having some health issues and we would like to express our appreciation for the twenty years of dedication he has given us. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.



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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

The Loving Vigil
By Kathy Whirity
kathywhirity@my.mak.com

It was a rousing tribute that would be remembered long after the last of the flowering petals fell from the beautiful red roses that lay atop the mahogany casket.

People coming to pay their respects to Darlene Whirity Frost found themselves waiting in lines up to an hour long to say a prayer and share consoling words with family members.

It was an unforgettable send off fit for a queen, and she was indeed a gem of a woman to the family and friends who loved her dearly.

But, perhaps, the greatest testament to Darlene's memory is the never failing love of her husband, Mike, that kept her going when illness struck.

Raising four young daughters and dealing with a diagnosis of cancer was not exactly what this endearing couple had planned, but even the dev-

astating effects of cancer could not stop this feisty young mom from living life to the fullest.

For Darlene, the last four years were overshadowed by frequent hospital stays, where she resigned herself to bedrest and where Mike automatically occupied the chair that sat right along her bed.

When pain became her constant companion, and began to take its toll, it was Mike who gently coaxed his weary wife to take just 'one more' bite of food, or who would look deep into her trusting, big brown eyes and will her the strength to go on.

A loving husband whose patience and compassion knew no limit, and who believed with all his heart and soul that she would eventually get well.

And then the unthinkable happened. The cancer, thought to be under control, struck with a vengeance. Like a thief in the night it stole away from us the spunky, witty, fun-loving female of our family.

But, this insidious intruder didn't win the battle

without a valiant fight. Through her struggle we learned that courage and faith will not forsake us, even in our greatest time of need.

Tears fell shamelessly as two families, who were, until then, only brought together for birthday celebrations and other happy family gatherings, spent seven long and exhausting days drawing comfort and support from each other, within the confines of the Intensive Care Unit at Christ Hospital.

One day became just a blurred extension of the next as time stood still, and minutes and hours, as we knew them, were replaced with the reliance that we were now living on God's time.

For Mike, the vigil was a commitment to the love of a woman who he first laid eyes on in a long ago kindergarten classroom, and who he has loved ever since. An example of unfettered devotion doesn't get any more sincere than to witness the quiet strength of a dedicated husband guide his beloved wife to the finality of eternal peace.

Every time we lose someone we love we are reminded of just how short life truly is.

It is at these tragic times that we are also reminded that tears fall hardest and hearts break deepest when someone dies who has greatly touched our lives. And though it's hard for us to imagine, we also come to realize that life does, and will, go on—maybe not as cheerfully or as bright as it once did, but it does go on—leaving us with the forever gift of memories that will never lose their meaning, no matter how much time goes by.

In loving memory of Darlene Frost, Dec. 10, 1962 to July 12, 2002.

The Frost and Whirity families cannot begin to thank the many, many people who have reached out in love, support and generosity during this time of heart loss. But, you know who you are—to us you are angels in disguise—we thank you all from the bottom of our humbled hearts.

Wellness weekend at Hyatt International

Each weekend starting from Nov. 1 until Jan. 31, 2003, Hyatt Regency Cologne guests may enjoy complimentary access to the fitness club and wellness facility with the "Great Winter Weekend Deal." Starting at \$130 per night, the package includes free access to the fitness club and a range of heart healthy complimentary room amenities such as a bottle of mineral water, fresh fruit as well as coffee and tea making facilities. Additionally, should guests wish to upgrade to a higher room category or suite, a 50 percent discount to the surcharges would apply. A double room with stunning views of the River and Cathedral is available at \$150 (regular rates start from \$235) and a Junior Suite for \$215 (regular rates start from \$340).

The Puls Fitness Club offers an unparalleled range of state-of-the-art equipment for weight training, tailor-made fitness programs and body shaping, as well as a variety of sessions such as total body conditioning, aerobics, step aerobics and aqua exercises.

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Rhine and offers magnificent views of the old town and the famous 500-year old Gothic Cathedral. All major cultural points of interest like the philharmonic hall as well as the numerous museums, galleries and churches and exclusive shopping opportunities are in walking distance.

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Weekends are Friday through Sunday. The offer is valid from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31, 2003. Subject to availability.

Blood drive at The Plaza

Blood is the most important component of medical care, essential for surgeries, accident victims, and patients suffering from chronic diseases. It's also a uniquely human resource. Blood cannot be manufactured or substituted—every drop used in a hospital or trauma center must come from a donor.

Blood donations continually fall short of demand. The Plaza, 9500 S. Western Ave., Evergreen Park, will host a blood drive to support LifeSource Blood Services from 3 to 8 p.m., Fri. Aug. 23 and 1 to 6 p.m. Sat. Aug. 24. LifeSource, a not-for-profit organization, is the fourth largest full-service blood center in the United States and is the primary source of blood for all of Chicago and northeast Illinois. Locally, LifeSource supplies blood for Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park and Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn. Blood donated at The Plaza will benefit the community through these and other hospitals.

"The time to donate blood is before tragedy strikes," said Bruce A. Provo, president of The Provo Group, managing general partner of The Plaza. "During the summer, the need for blood always goes up. More than 1,500 volunteer blood donors are needed every day just to meet the demand for blood from the more than 160 hospitals and health care agencies LifeSource supplies. The Plaza is pleased to do its part to help LifeSource by making blood donation convenient to our shoppers. The people who roll up their sleeves for LifeSource during The Plaza blood drive will certainly be saving many lives."

LifeSource distributes more than 550,000 units of blood each year, and requires a full spectrum of blood types to adequately serve hospitals. The make-up of the donor population must reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the recipient population. Blood collected locally is used locally. Community blood drives like the one to

be hosted at The Plaza help to insure that blood reserves at nearby hospitals are maintained, and that blood is available if you or your neighbors need it.

Donating blood is safe and simple, and the entire process takes only about 45 minutes. Donors must be age 17 or older (16 with written parental consent), in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Identification must be provided, showing name, date of birth, and one of the following numbers: social security, drivers license/ state ID or passport. Donors must wait at least 56 days between donations.

Each donor at The Plaza's blood drive will receive a mini-physical and refreshments as part of the donation process. They will also receive the satisfaction of knowing that three patients requiring blood transfusions will be helped by their generous donation. All equipment used by LifeSource to collect blood is sterile, disposable and used just once.

"If all eligible people donated blood, there would never be a blood shortage," Provo said. "Fifty percent of the population will need blood in their lifetime, but only about five percent of eli-

gible donors give blood regularly. We're hoping that the people who participate at The Plaza blood drive will see how simple it is and become repeat donors."

Persons who wish to donate blood through the LifeSource drive on Aug. 23 and 24 should call The Plaza Guest Services, 708-952-5640 to register and make an appointment. LifeSource is a member of America's Blood Centers.

Back to School movie

The Oak Lawn Park District will host its second annual Back-to-School Movie in the Park on Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Park, (102nd Street and Major Ave.)

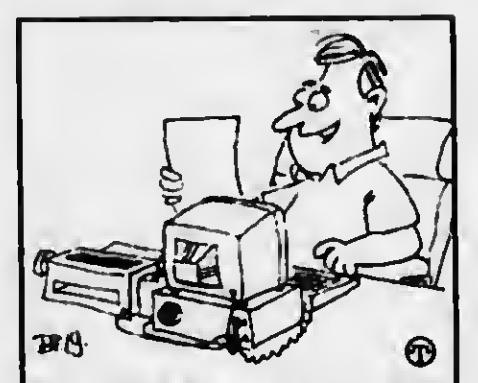
This year's movie is "Shrek," a PG-rated family film that tells the story of a warm-hearted, misunderstood ogre. For more information, call 708-857-2225.

Web Watch

(NAPS)—If you thought New Orleans was only an adult playground, think again. The city offers something for everyone, from toddlers to teenagers to the big kid in you. For more information, call 800-201-4735 or visit www.NewOrleansOnline.com to request a free copy of the "Good Times Guide," offering over \$2,500 in coupons on shopping, dining and attractions.

A popular crafts project is to stain Adirondack chairs with stencils that complement the deck. This can be easier than you think. For help with prepping and staining exterior wood, call The Flood Company. The company's technical service representatives provide immediate answers, even on weekends. You can also request Flood's *Can-Do* guide, a "how-to" booklet that provides consumers with a worry-free experience for exterior wood care projects. For more information or to receive a free *Can-Do* guide, call 1-800-321-3444 or visit www.floodco.com.

College and university programs that prepare persons to become special education teachers know how important support is during the years



of study. This is particularly true if students are re-entering post-secondary schooling after a period of time or have had educational experiences that were less than optimal. For further information on supports to look for in programs that prepare you to be a special education teacher, contact the National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education at www.special-ed-careers.net or 800-641-7824.

Businesses in which families work together have a better chance of working well when professional and personal pressures are kept under control. To keep stress levels at a minimum, the Alliance for Affordable Services suggests that family members communicate regularly, respect each others' space and keep the personal out of the workplace. For more information, call 1-800-733-2242.

Nad's events

The latest trend in personal grooming is hair removal. A recent national survey shows that 80 percent of women and 50 percent of men are unhappy with the amount of hair on their bodies. To cost-efficiently cope with unwanted hair, men and women are looking to personal care products more and more. Now, thanks to Aussie Nad's No Heat Hair Removal Gel- the nation's leading hair removal product- thousands of beach dwellers, concertgoers and festival en-

thusiasts will have the opportunity to make unwanted hair a thing of the past.

At each event, Nad's models will walk the grounds in search of hairy people on which to demonstrate Nad's No-heat Hair Removal Gel. Nad's will be at the following events: Aug. 16- North Avenue Beach; Aug. 17- 13th Annual Sports Grand Prix- Downer's Grove; Aug. 18- Aussie Nad's Mall Event- Golf Mill Shopping Center, 239 Golf Mill Center, Niles; Aug. 22- Goo Goo Dolls Festival- Tweeter Center; Aug. 23- Palatine Street Festival; Aug. 24- Aussie Nad's Mall Event- Stratford Square, 152 Stratford Square, Bloomingdale.

Trinity presents faith conference

Trinity Christian College introduces a conference series, "Faith Engaged," on Nov. 8 to 9 to encourage, inspire, and challenge Christian lay people. The annual conference series, sponsored by the Richard D. VanLunen Foundation, will address significant issues that confront Christians in relevant areas such as public affairs, medicine, the arts, economics, worship, the media, families, business, and education. The conference will be held on Trinity's campus in the Martin and Janet Ozinga Chapel.

The first conference features two prominent speakers who will examine the meaning of Christian citizenship through presentations and panel discussions over the course of two days. Dr. James

Skillen, executive director of the Center for Public Justice in Washington, D.C., and Dr. Martin Olasky, professor of journalism at the University of Texas-Austin, editor of WORLD magazine, and author of the book, "Compassionate Conservatism," will consider what it means for Christians to be involved in public affairs and community service. Other speakers will be invited to share their personal experiences in the realm of public service.

Trinity Christian College chaplain, Rev. Tim Hockstra, and Dr. George Pierson, professor of philosophy, developed the idea for the "Faith Engaged" conference, to offer lay Christians an annual forum to explore how their faith can be lived out in a broken world.

Registration is open to the public. Registration fees include lunch on Saturday and admission to all conference sessions. To register for the conference, or for more information, contact Nikki Schoon at 708-239-4831, or log on to www.faithengaged.org.

VFW Post events

The VFW Post #5220 will hold its Post Cookout on Sun., Aug. 11 from 1 to 6 p.m. at 9514 S. 52nd Ave for members. The cost is \$3 per

person. Other August events include an Auxiliary meeting on Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. and a Post meeting on Aug. 13 at 8 p.m.

producer Tom Bonen who has been a household name on the local prep sports scene in Chicago for the past 10 years.

"We delivered a product for the U.S. Youth Soccer Championships and the Chicago Magic Soccer Club at a price that was unbelievably affordable for our club families and for all those kids who will now have those memories on a DVD for the next 50 years to enjoy and remember. I think that people will be absolutely amazed at the professional level of the production and the final shows," Whitten said.

Local graduates

Oak Lawn residents Adam Daoud, David Ellice, Carlos Fernandez, Kristen McHugh, Sara Ornelas and Kathryn Powell received Bachelor of Arts degrees in June from Columbia College Chicago, an independent liberal arts college in Chicago.

Moraine offers off-campus classes

Moraine Valley Community College offers an assortment of off-campus courses in the fall 2002 semester at the Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park and Evergreen Park High School.

Located at 171st Street and 90th Avenue, the Andrew site offers college credit classes in Financial Accounting, Composition II, Speech Fundamentals, Western Civ-

Substitute teachers

Administrators at Marist High School are now accepting resumes for substitute teacher positions for the 2002-2003 academic year. Minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree and

Ridge golf outing

Our Lady of the Ridge School will host its 2nd annual golf outing on Fri., Sept. 13 at Water's Edge Golf Club in Worth. The golf fee is \$125 and includes green fee and cart, lunch, beverages and dinner. Shotgun start is at 10 a.m. with best ball scramble.

A raffle will be held and prizes will be awarded for hold contests including a

"Hole-In-One Big Prize Contest" and a "Three-Hole Putting Contest." Those interested in attending the golf outing, sponsoring a hole or donating a prize can contact one of the co-chairs: Don Pratt at 422-4576 or Bernie Bilder at 448-4543. All proceeds will benefit students at Our Lady of the Ridge.

Titanic presentation

The sinking of the Titanic, the symbol of an era, has been the subject of much controversy and conjecture. Some say there was a coal fire explosion in the ship, some say that it was the Olympic, not the Titanic that sank, others say a "Mystery Ship" was in the vicinity of the Titanic when it went down.

Bruce Beveridge will be at the Bridgeview Public Library on Aug. 17 at 1 p.m. Beveridge will address the commonly misconceived views surrounding the facts of the Titanic's sinking. Special attention will be paid to the Titanic's construction and life saving appliances, as well as an overview of life aboard an ocean liner in the first part of the 20th century. Those that attend the presentation will be able to view copies of the original builder's plans and photographs from the original glass negatives.

Beveridge is an author, researcher, and member of the Irish Titanic Society, Titanic Historical Society and honorary lifetime member of the British Titanic Society.

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Parade queen contest

Chairman of the Columbus Day Parade, Robert G. Cimo, announced that the Columbus Day Parade Queen contest to be held on Sun., Sept. 15 is open to young women of Italian descent, single and between the ages of 18 and 23.

Cimo, a resident of Elmwood Park, urges young women who qualify to call the offices of the joint civic committee of Italian Americans at 708-450-9050 for a contest entry form.

Selection of the Queen is based on poise, presentations

and their response to several questions asked by the judges. Cimo said it is not a bathing suit or talent scout contest and there is no fee to enter.

A grand prize of \$1,000 in cash, plus two complimentary main cabin tickets to anywhere in the United States, compliments of American Airlines and a weekend at the Chicago Hilton will be awarded to the Queen.

The contest will be held in the empire room of the Palmer House at 12 noon.

New media company for local teams

The SportsClub in Frankfort has formed a new subsidiary and business that will focus on TV broadcasting for youth and professional sporting events primarily in the Chicago area.

The new business group is called the SportsClub Media Group and it has already filmed at least 25 live sporting events for rebroadcast on various cable systems in the Chicago market and across the Midwest since June 1.

Mike Whitten, the vice president and general manager for the Sports Club said that primary focus of the new entity will be to promote many of the various elite sports teams that are owned and operated by the SportsClub in Frankfort.

"We have already filmed a number of professional soccer matches and we've had serious inquiries from a couple baseball entities and several local colleges who are looking to promote their

sports programs through television broadcasts. We can do the project for an inexpensive price and still provide them with quality that is state of the art," said Whitten.

"We have assembled a very exciting team of TV professionals who have years and years of broadcasting sports in this area and are voices and faces that everyone in the community has come to know and trust for excellent sports coverage. In addition, we contracted some of the best independent cameramen and editors in the area."

The SportsClub Media Group has aimed at providing professional quality productions at very affordable prices for local teams, competitions, and organizations.

"Our Media Group recently produced the TV coverage of the recent U.S. National Soccer Finals in Maryland," said SMG's executive

lization II, Western Humanities I, Foundations, Personal Computer Basics, Introduction to PC Applications, American Literature II, Medical Terminology, Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Music Appreciation, Nutrition for Today, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Philosophy, and Life-Span Developmental Psychology.

The Evergreen Park site, located at 9900 S. Kedzie, offers college credit classes in Composition I and II, Speech Fundamentals, Western Humanities I, Foundations, American Literature II, Medical Terminology, Beginning Algebra, College Algebra (Functions), Music Appreciation, First Aid, World Religions, Introduction to Psychology, and Child Psychology.

Registration is underway for classes at Evergreen Park and Andrew. Classes begin the week of Sept. 2. Additional classes at Andrew begin the weeks of Sept. 9 and Oct. 14.

Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling 708-974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556).

Information on all classes is available in the fall 2002 class schedule or online at www.morainevalley.edu.

Brother Gerald Brown at Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street, Chicago, 60655. Resumes may also be sent via fax to 773-881-0595.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a private Catholic high school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

Fireflies and Moonlight concert

Cerqua Rivera Art Experience, a non-for-profit arts organization blending live music, dance and art, will unveil two new collaborative works on Aug. 24 at its 5th annual "Fireflies & Moonlight" Gala Benefit outdoor concert in Lemont. These works will bring the number of new works added to the CRAE's repertoire this year alone to six.

"Fireflies & Moonlight," hosted by CRAE Advisory Board member Rose Lamb and friends of the company, is expected to draw over 300 attendees.

"CRAE's Annual 'Fireflies' Gala is the company's most significant annual

fundraising event," Lamb said. "However, it has also become an event much anticipated by the Southwest and Western suburbs, in part because of its tradition of introducing new company works."

The two new works presented this year include: Harrison McEldowney's 5th section to "Adversaries of Dance" and a preview of new collaboration featuring music by Joe Cerqua, choreography by Wilfredo Rivera, and masks, costume and projections design by John Schmidt.

McEldowney's work takes a comical look back at the outrageous misconcep-

tions of the perils of social dancing in the 1930's.

Some of CRAE's newer works are featured, including: "Day of the Dead," an innovative tale featuring a 16-foot dancing skeleton, depicting a handful of Mexican folkloric tales, myth and history all woven into one; and "A Tribute to Nina Simone, High Priestess of Soul," a section which ranges from jazz standards such as "Willow Weep for Me" to amusing folk tunes, social justice cries, African and gospel renditions.

"Sentimentos Brasileiros" and audience favorites such as "Manteca," "At Last," and "I Want to be Ready," will be featured.

"Fireflies & Moonlight" is an outdoor concert event under the stars. Patrons are encouraged to bring food baskets, beverages and blankets

and enjoy the "natural" setting, Ravinia style. The concert directly benefits the ensemble.

The lawn opens at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Patrons are shuttled from and back to the parking lot located at 13302 S. Archer, Lemont.

Tickets are \$30 for general lawn, \$50 for lawn chair, and \$100 for balcony. For tickets or more information, call 773-539-7825.

The CRAE is sponsored in part by The Richard Driehaus Foundation, The Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly Foundation, The Illinois Art Council, WPWR-TV Channel 50 Foundation, Polk Bros. Foundation, Elizabeth Sengupta, The St. Deny's Foundation, Northern Trust, Blake Lamb Funeral Homes and Motorola.

Oak Lawn scholarship winners

The Parent Teacher Student Association of Oak Lawn Community High School announced the winners of its Class of 2002 Scholarships, each receiving at least \$500 to apply toward college. The students' achievements go far beyond maintaining a high grade point average and demonstrating academic excellence. The students also devoted their time to school volunteer activities such as food drives, peer mediation and tutoring, and in community service, in local hospitals and religious organizations. They also excelled in student activities, including the National Honor Society, Mathletes, Forensics, theatre, Key Club, and the student newspaper The Spartanite. Many earned letters in athletics, with representatives from almost every sports team at Oak Lawn boasting a winner.

Congratulations are in order to Tara Alexander, Rebecca Annen, Grant Arthur, Amy Basel, Jason Casio, Heather Donlan, Matthew Douner, Deanne Drechsler, Jessica Exline, Michael Goshorn, Jenna Harper, Richard Koch, Xi Luo, Megan Melvin, Laura Mottl, Jonathon Naples, Valerie Olson, Jennifer Rolniak, Samantha Synowieski, Katherine Vogel, Kevin West, and Jennifer Wiederhold.

World Music Festival

The best in international music converges upon Chicago when the city hosts the 4th annual "World Music Festival: Chicago 2002," Sept. 20-29. The festival showcases both traditional and contemporary music from many of the world's diverse cultures. Festival events include a mix of free and ticketed concerts, live radio broadcasts, educational workshops and panel discussions presented in museums, parks, cultural centers, theatres, clubs and other venues throughout Chicago.

The annual festival was launched in 1999 to resounding critical and popular acclaim and is renowned for its innovation, quality and diversity in bringing international music to Chicago.

This year's line-up includes performers from dozens of countries, including Benin, Bulgaria, Cuba, France, India, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela and many others, as well as musicians based in Chicago and other cities in the U.S.

"World Music Festival: Chicago 2002" is organized by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and presented in cooperation with

the Mayor's Office of Special Events, the Old Town School of Folk Music, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and HotHouse/CIPEX. Events are also presented at the Chicago Cultural Center, "Under the Picasso" at the Daley Civic Center, Storefront Theatre and various other performance spaces around the city. New venues this year include Abbey Pub, Beverly Art Center, Polish Highlander Hall, Humboldt Park Boat House and Martyr's.

"World Music Festival: Chicago 2002" is partially underwritten through a major grant from The Joyce Foundation, Chicago Cultural Center Foundation and Music Everywhere/Chicago Office of Tourism. Corporate sponsors include Borders Books & Music, United "Chicago's Hometown Airline" and Lufthansa German Airlines, the official airline sponsors, Chicago Public Radio WBEZ 91.5 FM, official radio sponsor, Days Inn Lincoln Park-North, major hotel sponsor and Hilton Garden Inn, participating hotel sponsor.

A complete performance schedule will be available by calling "World Music Festival: Chicago 2002" hotline at 312-742-1938.

Gallagher sings beautiful music

By Annette Dixon

Dave Gallagher's concert, "Beautiful Music" lived up to its name on July 26 at the Thorne Auditorium in Chicago.

Gallagher's concert featured a soulful version of Barry Manilow's greatest hits, including "One Voice," "Looks Like We Made It," and "Beautiful Music."

Both Gallagher and Manilow were raised by their grandparents. Gallagher's inspiration by Manilow is evident in his voice in every song.

Gallagher provided some narration and history behind each of Manilow's songs to the 350 people in attendance.

Accompanied by three back-up singers and a quartet, Gallagher's voice filled the stage he appeared on. Although Gallagher is "old" by industry standards, age 39, for breaking into the music industry, his stage and concert presence is worthwhile

entertainment for all audiences.

The two-and-a-half hour concert could have been shorter, yet Gallagher's level of enthusiasm remained steady from start to finish.

Gallagher's music can soon be heard on his debut CD - a collection of contemporary pop ballads featuring songs by some of music's top writers, including Dianne Warren (Unbreak My Heart), Kim Carnes (Bette Davis Eyes) and Dan Hill (Sometimes When We Touch). Top musicians will also appear on the CD, including Robbie Buchanan (Streisand, Laura Branigan), and Jeff Jacobs (Billy Joel and Survivor).

Wright on! The Wright brothers built the first U.S. Army plane in 1909. It flew 42.5 miles per hour.



Chicago Aida cast announced

Casting has been announced for Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida," Disney's Tony Award-winning musical love story, which returns to its premiere city, Chicago, Aug. 21 through Sept. 8 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.

In 1999, "Aida" enjoyed a very successful pre-Broadway run as the inaugural production in the newly restored Cadillac Palace Theatre. Based on Verdi's opera, "Aida" is an epic and classic tale of love, loyalty, betrayal and courage.

Paulette Ivory stars as Aida, a Nubian princess who falls in love with the Egyptian captain Radames. British born, Ivory is one of London's most versatile West End performers, gracing the stage with lead roles in Disney's "The Lion King" (Nala), "Smokey Joe's Cafe," "The Hot Mikado," and "West Side Story."

Playing the Egyptian Captain who falls in love with Aida is Jeremy Kushnier. Kushnier originated the role of Ren in the Broadway production of "Footloose" and has been seen as Roger in the National Tour of "Rent." Kelli Fournier stars as Amneris, the Egyptian princess betrothed to Captain

Radames. Fournier comes from the original Broadway cast of "Aida." Rounding out the cast is Eric L. Christian as Mereb, Robert Neary as Radames' father Zoser, and Peter Kapetan as the Pharaoh.

Based on an ancient legend, Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida" is a musical love story with contemporary energy that tells the story of two star-crossed lovers on the banks of the Nile. "Aida" features new music and lyrics by Elton John and Tim Rice, their first effort since writing "The Lion King" together. The production, which received four 2000 Tony Awards, opened on Broadway at the Palace Theatre on Mar. 23, 2000 and has been playing to capacity audiences ever since.

"Aida" is directed by Robert Falls, and features a book by Linda Woolverton and Robert Falls & David Henry Hwang and is choreographed by Wayne Cilento. The sets and costumes are by 2000 Tony Award-winner Bob Crowley and the lighting design is by 2000 Tony Award-winner Natasha Katz. Music supervision and orchestrations are provided by Paul Bogaeu.

Elton John and Tim Rice's

"Aida" is produced by Disney Theatrical Productions, which operate under the direction of Thomas Schumacher. Disney Theatrical Productions is also responsible for the Tony Award-winning "Beauty and the Beast," now in its seventh year on Broadway and "The Lion King," which received six 1998 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, as well as the 1999 Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album. Most recently, Elton John and Tim Rice received the 2001 Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album.

"Aida" appears at the Cadillac Palace Theatre Wed., Aug. 21 through Sept. 8. The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

There will be a 2 p.m. performance on Aug. 22 and on Aug. 28. There will not be a 7:30 p.m. performance on Sept. 1. The 2 p.m. performance on Aug. 25 will be signed for the hearing impaired. For more information on the signed performance, call 312-977-1700.

Tickets range in price from \$29 to \$72 and are available at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices, 151 W. Randolph St., 24 W. Randolph St., and 22 W. Monroe St., at 312-902-1400 or at Ticketmaster centers.

Disney on Ice glides to Chicago area

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23 for "Disney on Ice," a cross-generational treasury of Disney classics featuring a sing-along score, world-class skating and elaborate, attention-grabbing sets and costumes. Disney on Ice arrives at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont on Sept. 25 to 29, then moves to Chicago's United Center, Oct. 2 to 6.

The hit figure skating spectacular skillfully joins three of Disney's most beloved tales- Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "101 Dalmations," and Disney's "The Little Mermaid"- as they leap from the pages of Mickey's magical storybook and come to life in a fanciful fairy tale on ice adaptation. Audiences will share in the romance of Snow White and her Handsome Prince, laugh with the precocious Ariel, and cheer as all 101 Dalmations escape from Cruella De Vil and her bumbling henchmen Horace and Jasper.



The show-stopping production includes a talented team of international ice-skating champions hailing from such far-reaching places as Russia, Ukraine, Canada, Great Britain and the United States. The artistry and skill of the star skaters is underscored by lyrical choreography, fanciful costumes and stunning special effects. Adding timeless tunes including "Whistle While You

Work," "Someday My Prince Will Come," "Under the Sea" and "Cruella De Vil," Disney on Ice is the ultimate ice show for kids of all ages.

Tickets for Disney On Ice will be available at Rosemont's Allstate Arena Box Office, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, The United Center Box Office, 1901 W. Madison St., all Ticketmaster locations, and on the web at www.ticketmaster.com. To

order tickets by phone, call 312-559-1212. Prices are \$10.75, \$17.75, and \$22.75 with a limited number of \$45 V.I.P. seats available. Groups, call 847-891-8916 for Allstate Arena tickets or 312-445-7469 for United Center tickets. For general show information, call the Allstate Arena at 847-635-6601 or the United Center at 312-455-4500 or log on to www.disneyonice.com.

Building Your Company Website

Getting Your Company Online

(NAPS)—Whether it's the butcher, the baker, or the candlestick maker, it seems that nearly every business, regardless of size, has—or wants—its own Web site.

These days, setting up a well-designed site—and advertising it properly, through banner ads, search engines and on all company stationery—is like putting out an "open for business" sign, with millions of "wired" customers ready to check out your products and services.

Before you set up shop on the Web, however, know that there are features you must include in order for a business site to be effective. According to the experts at Homestead Technologies, the following suggestions can help your customers and give a new site instant staying power.

- Make sure your site has an "About the Company" section that explains your company's goals, philosophy and accomplishments. This can help attract the customers you are seeking.

- A frequently asked questions (FAQ) section can provide quick answers to common customer questions and streamline your customer's online experience.

- Put contact informa-



An FAQ section on a Web site can provide quick answers to common customer questions.

tion—such as your company's e-mail address, phone number and address—in a single, easy-to-find place, thus making the site more user-friendly and making your online presence more inviting to potential customers.

These suggestions and more can be found in a free 20-page booklet from Homestead Technologies. To get a copy of *Getting Your Business Online*, visit the Web site at guide.homestead.com.

With more than 12 million members, Homestead is recognized as a leading online Web site building service. It is said to provide online, everything a company needs to start, build and maintain a Web site.

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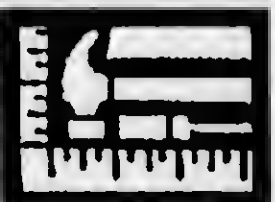
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Creating "Living Memorials" In Honor Of Those Lost On September 11

(NAPS)—Since September 11, citizens from around the country have been searching for positive ways to pay tribute to those lost. Several days after September 11, Michigan resident Bob Van Oosterhout e-mailed one of his senators, Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), with a unique way to promote national healing: ask Americans to conduct community volunteer projects in dedication to all of those lost on that tragic day.

Working with Sen. John Kyl (R-AZ), Stabenow co-authored the Unity in the Spirit of America (USA) Act, which was signed into law by President George W. Bush on January 10, 2002. The USA calls for The Points of Light Foundation, and its national network of nearly 500 Volunteer Centers, to oversee the initiative, in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service. It also calls for the creation of an equal number of community-based volunteer projects across the country as there were lives lost during the September 11th attacks. Each project will be dedicated in the name of an individual and must be registered by September 11, 2002 and largely completed by December 31, 2002.

The intention of the USA is to encourage Americans to remember those lost, respond to the attacks in a positive way, and rebuild local communities through volunteer service.

"People have been asking what they can do for our family," said Joan Scheffold, wife of Fred Scheffold, Battalion Chief, Fire Department, City of New York. "Now we can ask them to volunteer to make things better in their communities in my husband's memory."



A national service initiative will pay tribute to the victims of the September 11 attacks.

Volunteer projects must be registered before September 11, 2002, and largely completed by December 31, 2002. While many of the volunteer activities included under the USA initiative will be projects already planned, identifying them with those lost will give those projects an added level of meaning.

"I commend the United States Congress for passing the Unity in the Spirit of America Act to honor the Americans who lost their lives on September 11th by encouraging, organizing, and recognizing men and women who selflessly give to others," said President Bush.

Major partners include DisneyHand and Ronald McDonald House Charities. In addition, the Foundation has established a family advisory council, comprising half a dozen family members representing those lost, to advise working with the families.

For individuals and groups looking for a place to start with a volunteer effort, there are two national service days that will take place before the end of the year: Make a Difference Day (October 26) and National Family Volunteer Day (November 23).

Projects will be registered through a Web site devoted to the USA initiative (usa.pointsoflight.org) or via telephone at 1-800-VOLUNTEER.

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Doctors say regularly lifting and rolling a bowling ball provides many of the same health benefits—such as improved balance and endurance—as some weight bearing exercises, yet it is less stressful on older people's joints than higher impact sports, such as running or speed-walking.

In addition, the aerobic benefits of bowling can help older people burn calories, lose weight and feel invigorated. Perhaps just as important, however, going bowling can serve as a fun social activity. Studies show older Americans who remain socially active tend to live longer, more healthy lives than those who do not.

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Ryan campaign update

Gubernatorial hopeful Jim Ryan was campaigning from Princeton in the west to Matteson in the east. During his 8-stop tour he pledged to

re-open Sheridan prison in LaSalle County and to continue efforts at building a third airport near Peotone.

Also this week, a columnist with the State Journal-Register caught Rod Blagojevich apparently changing his position on the Scaffolding Act. Finally, with

the filing of financial disclosure forms this week, Blagojevich demonstrated that raising money for his political ambitions is more important than doing his job as a Congressman, it's apparently even more important than following the law by properly listing all of those contributions on his disclosure forms.

Willowbrook to hold Lindy Exchange

The Windy City Lindy Exchange returns for the fourth year at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs.

The Lindy Exchange features varieties of the Lindy Hop, a popular swing dance in the 20's. Lindy Hop swing lessons will take place at 7:30 p.m., immediately followed by dancing at 8:30 p.m. Willowbrook Ballroom has an incredible 6,000-square-foot dance floor and four eight-foot video screens perfect for dancing and learning swing. Swinging tunes will be provided by Leslie Byers

and the Jazz Cats.

Chicago is the home to the original Lindy Exchange, beginning four years ago. In much the same way that the Lindy Hop swept the nation in the 20's, the Lindy Exchange has expanded across the globe. People all over the country, sometimes world, travel from city to city for the opportunity to experience various Lindy Hop styles and cultures. Typically, two to three Lindy Exchanges take place in a month. Some avid Lindy Hop enthusiasts travel to over 20 throughout the year, others simply make it to one.

Originated at the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem in 1926, the Lindy Hop became the original swing dance. Quickly sweeping the nation as the greatest dance craze since the Lindy Hop took on many refined styles such as: the jitterbug, west coast swing, rock 'n' roll, and boogie woogie. Pioneers in the field such as Frankie Manning have made the Lindy Hop what it is today.

Admission is \$12 with free parking for 500 cars. No jeans or gym shoes please. For more information, call the Willowbrook Ballroom at 708-839-1000.

Lutheran church services

Church of the Resurrection offers two services on Sunday mornings.

The first service, at 8:30 a.m., is a traditional/blended worship.

The second service at 11 a.m. is a bold new worship

service of contemporary music, drama, and song. Both services offer Holy Communion.

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Water restrictions lifted

The Village of Orland Park has lifted temporary outdoor water restrictions now that the water pump in Oak Lawn has been repaired. Normal summer water conservation hours of 7 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 11 a.m. on the odd/even address basis are in

effect through Sept. 15.

Mayor McLaughlin said, "I'd like to thank the residents and businesses of Orland Park for their understanding and cooperation during the last couple of weeks of restricted outdoor water usage. Because of compliance with

the restricted watering hours, especially during the summer's drought conditions, we were able to avoid a total outdoor water ban while we waited for the pump to be repaired. I hope everyone will follow the normal summer sprinkling hours."

Tinley theatre to hold auditions

The Tinley Park Community Theatre Guild will hold open auditions for the chilling classic drama "Outward Bound," by Sutton Vane, on Sun., Aug. 11 and from 4 to 7 p.m. Mon., Aug. 12 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Audion Theatre in Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th Street. Parts are available for six men and three women, ages 20's, 30's and

older.

All roles require a British dialect, though it is not necessary for auditions. Readings will be from the script. Production people are also needed, with or without experience in roles from set design to ushers. There is no pay involved. Rehearsals and performances will also be held in the Audion Theatre. Performances will take place

Oct. 11, 12, 13 and 18, 19, and 20. Fri. and Sat. performances will be at 8 p.m. and Sunday show times to be announced. The will be directed by Caroline Sexton (100th & Maplewood.)

The Tinley Park Theatre Guild is sponsored by the Tinley Park, Park District's Arts Alive Program. Call 773-238-1783 for further information.

Veterans affairs office to open in Orland

By Jude Coyle

According to Frank C. Bottigliero, there are presently 38,000,000 veterans in the United States, and another 555,000 joining those ranks each year. He estimates that one in four families are veteran families.

Bottigliero is the director of Veterans Affairs at the Veterans Assistance Center in Norridge. He is fast talking, enthusiastic and hard to keep up with at times. Most of what he says has to do veterans and veterans affairs. Bottigliero is a veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He is retired from the Veterans Administration, and an active member of several veterans organizations.

Bottigliero used the above statistics when he addressed the Orland Park Village Board on July 15. There, he announced the opening of the first village-sponsored Veterans Affairs office in the south suburbs.

Help to veterans, widows, orphans, and dependent parents of unmarried veterans will be available on the first and third Monday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m. in

the lobby of the Orland Park Village Hall, from now into Nov.

"The time corresponds with village board meetings, when the Village Hall is open anyway," said Cathy Zuro, secretary to Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin. The Village Hall is located at 14700 S. Ravinia.

Sometime in November, office space on the lower floor of the Village Hall, that is now occupied by Cook County, will open up. When that happens, the Village plans to use that space for a full-time Veterans Affairs Office.

Zuro explained, "We will hold a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial (located on the grounds of the Village Hall) on Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. After that, we'll move inside for a reception. We hope to hold the grand opening then."

The facility will be manned by Gail Blummer, Shirley Caturano and Joe Puhar. Zuro will act as back-up when the others are ill or on vacation. All members of the Veterans Affairs staff currently work for the village in other capacities.

"Mayor McLaughlin

came to us," Bottigliero said. "He was looking for ways to help the veterans of Orland Park... We aren't looking to expand, but... We never send anyone away."

The closest office, he said, is located at 536 S. Clark St. in Chicago.

Again, Zuro said, "It started last year when we opened the passport office." Just as residents had turned to the village for help in securing passports, other residents came to the Village Hall seeking help with veterans' benefits. "Gail Blummer has been doing this already, finding her own way."

After six months of extensive training, the new staff will be able to provide the proper forms and help to fill them in. They can also advise what attachments should accompany each form.

"I don't think they (the veterans) realize what's available to them," Zuro said.

There are medical, hospital, pharmacy plans, education grants, cemetery and death benefits as well as other benefits.

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Police department retires canine

The Palos Hills Police Department is losing a valuable asset and Sergeant Debra Legatzke is losing a long-time partner. "Seffe," the department's ten-year old female German Shepherd police canine is retiring on Aug. 1 after eight solid years of service.

Seffe was born Mar. 14, 1992. She became a member of the Palos Hills Police Department in Nov. 1994. She completed basic patrol dog training in 1995 and became a dual purpose canine in 1996 when she was certified for narcotics detection. Over the years, Seffe has successfully

handled more than 140 job assignments, including building searches, drug detection, office safety and more, not only for Palos Hills, but also for 23 separate police agencies. Seffe has also performed over 130 demonstrations in DARE classes, city festivals, scout groups, civic groups and senior citizen groups.

More so, Seffe has been an award winner. She has been the recipient of three United States Police Canine Association awards for excellence. One award was for locating and capturing four burglars in a four-story department store in Evergreen Park. The other two awards were for narcotics detection finds. One of those was finding 1600 pounds of marijuana (street value of one million dollars) in the back of a truck. The second award came for indicating (detecting) on 2.5 grams of cocaine, five rounds of live ammunition and \$1900 that has been

tainted with the cocaine. This find was named the "Find of the Quarter (year)" by the USPCA.

Incredibly this find happened during Seffe's tenth week of chemotherapy treatments after she was diagnosed with cancer in February. Even after successful cancer treatments, Seffe was not only willing, but very capable of returning to work and doing her job. Ten days before her retirement, Seffe indicated on \$492 that has been sued in a drug transaction and lead to the arrest of an individual.

Undoubtedly Seffe's strongest talent was that she could distinguish between work and play. She has consistently been friendly with children and adults for shows and demonstrations, and yet instantly turn into the working dog she is to protect Sgt. Legatzke and the rest of the officers, and accurate enough to detect the most minute amounts of drugs and narcot-

ics. Seffe has been warm and friendly with a great personality. Seffe has been one of the most assets of the Palos Hills Police Department, and she will be sorely missed.

Seffe is looking forward to her retirement where she will enjoy her regular activities of swimming, playing ball, going for walks, and visits to her animal friends. Police Chief Paul Madigan lauded the service of Seffe and her handler, Sgt. Legatzke. Sgt. Legatzke has devoted her life and soul to Seffe for the last eight years, and very successfully. Police canines are only as good as their training and their handlers. Seffe's tour of duty with the department has been exemplary, thanks to Sgt. Legatzke. Every officer has praised Seffe at one time or another for something she has done, whether it was something amusing or something amazing.

"We will all remember her fondly," the Chief said.

Traffic Safety Hints

Aggressive driving tactics often lead to unnecessary traffic crashes. The Secretary of State encourages drivers to help make Illinois roadways safer by learning the causes of road rage and what to do if you encounter an angry motorist.

Q: How can I prevent aggressive driving and road rage?

A: Before getting behind the wheel, set aside your stress, anger and worries, and make safe driving your priority. Plan ahead and allow enough time so that you do not feel rushed. Do not speed, tailgate or block the passing lane. Keep your radio at a reasonable volume, and avoid using your horn excessively. Always use your signal when changing lanes. Do not cut off other drivers. Be considerate when using your headlights. Use the high beams only when conditions

require them, and be sure to dim them for oncoming traffic.

Remember, drivers do make mistakes. Do not take driving violations personally, and never retaliate.

Q: What should I do if I am confronted by an aggressive driver or a potential road rage incident?

A: Steer clear of the offender on the road. Do not make eye contact or even look in the direction of the aggressor. Do not make obscene gestures or swear at other drivers. Stay calm, keep your focus on the road and do not react if you are provoked.

You cannot control traffic or the behavior of other drivers; you can only control your own responses. If you are a victim of violent road rage, drive to a safe place and notify the police immediately.

First girls softball coach named at De La Salle Institute

De La Salle Institute proudly announces that Jennifer Price has been named the first girls softball coach in school history. De La Salle, which has been in existence since 1889, will open its Lourdes Hall campus for young women this fall in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood.

Price is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's College in Moraga, Cal. Price, who was an English major, was a four-year starter for the Gael's softball team, starting in right field for three years and left field one year.

In the classroom, Price, a native of Napa, Cal., was a GTE Academic all-American as a senior, while garnering all-Academic accolades for four years in the Women's Intercollegiate Softball League.

On the field, Price was named to the Pacific Coast all-



De La Salle Institute named Jennifer Price its first softball coach in history.

region second team in 2000.

In 2001, Price served as an assistant coach for the softball program at the University of Chicago, earning a Masters Degree in Humanities from the prestigious institution.

Along with coaching softball at De La Salle, Price will teach American Literature, World Lit-

erature, and Advanced Placement English IV at De La Salle's brand-new Lourdes Hall campus.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to build a strong softball program at De La Salle," Price said. "I think we have a lot of talented student-athletes coming to our school."

Resident celebrates 100th birthday

What does your childhood memories consist of? Can you imagine a childhood without automobiles, airplanes, radio, television, washing machines, and clothes-dryers? What about having neither gas nor electric for the convenience of heating and cooking? Such are the memories of Grace Piegras holds in her heart as she approaches her 100th birthday. Grace was born Grace Davenport on July 30, 1902 in Bellerive, a small town near Mt. Vernon, Ill. She learned the normal things that a young girl of her era would be crocheting, needlework, quilting, and other handicrafts. She kept up with her crafts into her late 90's. Grace was also an accomplished pianist, and her friends and relatives recall Grace giving them a little

concert at Christmas 2000. Other memories of Grace's earlier days, is that of her repeating the eighth grade because there was no high school where she lives, and she wanted something to do. In order to find work, Grace moved to Chicago. For 30 years she worked for the Rock Island Railroad. During that time she married Orville ("Bud") Piegras. After living quite some time in Chicago, they moved to Blue Island. In her heart she harbors memories of her and Bud dancing the night away in some of the big ballrooms that Chicago was famous for.

Grace resides at a Rest Haven Services facility, and they join Grace's friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday, and are thankful that Rest Haven can be a part of lives.

Military news

Navy Midshipman John P. Coghlan, son of Patricia M. and John J. Coghlan of Chicago, recently completed six weeks of U.S. Naval Academy Indoctrination (Plebe Summer) in Annapolis, Md.

The demanding, fast-paced orientation begins four years of preparation for commissioning as naval or Marine Corps officers. During Plebe Summer, Coghlan learned basic skills in seamanship, navigation, infantry drill, sailing and marksmanship. Coghlan also learned the Brigade of Midshipmen's Honor Concept.

Coghlan is a 2002 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago.

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War memorial vandalized

By Jen Haberkorn

Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb announced that the Oak Lawn war memorial had been vandalized during a concert on Sun., Aug. 11 on the village Green.

Kolb promised that the names on the memorial that had been vandalized would be immediately fixed and that he "won't stop until we find out who did this."

"It hits me in the wrong way, it hits all of us in the wrong way," Kolb said. "There are people out there today dying for our country."

His announcement opened the Aug. 13 Board of Trustees meeting.

Also at the meeting, voting on the proposed amendment to the Pizza Hut Restaurant at 9624 S. Cicero was postponed "because of the unresolved issues," Trustee Robert Streit said. Patrol Officer Michael Quigley was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant.

In new business, Village Trustee Steven Rosenbaum announced that construction on 103rd Street could begin, "any day now" and that homeowners in the effected areas would be notified when a date was finalized.

Village Trustee Jerry Hurckes thanked those involved in Oak Lawn Family Days for the success of the program.

Village Trustee Marjorie Joy expressed her thanks to those involved in acquiring a stoplight on 111th St. and Jodan. She said that residents of Acom Glen and Eagle Ridge can look forward to the installation in the spring of 2003.

In the Traffic Review Committee reports, an ordinance was proposed that would post a "Residential Permit Parking Only Between the Hours of 5 a.m. and 8 p.m." sign from the first alley south of 95th Street to a point 60 feet south on the west side of Massasoit Ave. The ordinance would also post a "Residential Permit Only, Except During Baseball Games" sign on the east and west sides of Menard Ave. between the first alley north of 95th to the south line of Southwest Highway and the north and south sides of 94th St., between Menard and Massasoit.

Village Trustee Ronald Stancik said that his district has seen a great deal of growth, which is healthy, but that the residents have had to put up with local business employees parking in their streets. He said they need to work out a balance be-

tween the residents and businesses.

However, Hurckes said the proposed parking signs may be anti-businesses.

The ordinance was postponed and will be divided into two different ordinances for the next meeting.

Stancik invited the other trustees to his next district meeting with his constituents.

In the Village Attorney's Report, an ordinance was proposed that would approve a two-lot resubdivision and grant certain lot width and lot area variation for two lots at 5466 S. Edison.

Streit said that many residents near the lot were opposed to the idea because the other homes are uniform and the proposed home and lot would stick out.

"What it boils down to," he said, "is that most opponents, including myself, thought it (the subdivision) would happen anyway and resigned themselves to that."

Streit said that the neighborhood had historical value because the homes face the same direction and the lots are the same size.

The proposed-site owner had plans to build the home with a garage facing the front of the house. The other homes

on the block have garages that face the alley. The proposed garage caused more controversy between the neighbors. Other homeowners on the block said that the garage would again separate the house from other houses on the block. The homeowner and residents agreed, at a meeting which Streit and Kolb attended, that if the alley were paved by the village, he would build the garage to face the alley.

However, Village Trustee William Keane said that the alley was not a part of the proposed ordinance and that he could not make a decision without the estimates as to how much paving the alley would cost the village.

Village Attorney Thomas Bayer said that the garage does not break village codes and thus the Board could not stop him from building it. However, the homeowner needs the approval to subdivide the lot.

"We can't have the Mayor and a Trustee say (at a district meeting) that we will put in an alley," Keane said.

Stancik said that the trustees "should honor it in good faith."

The issue was postponed until cost estimates could be provided.

In the Planning & Development Commission report, a request was announced for a

variation on a village code to allow a basement apartment unit on the west 4900 block on 87th Street.

Stancik proposed allowing the resident, Helen Chisnick, to stay in the apartment for a year and assist her in finding a new residence.

Joy said that allowing her to stay may set a precedence to allow residents to stay in illegal apartments.

Kolb said he did not think Chisnick should be allowed to stay because of the risk to her life.

"It would be a real problem if you were to ever have a fire, and be killed there, there would be no end to this," Kolb said to Chisnick. "This whole thing is unsafe and unwelcomed."

Rosenbaum said that at least 22 other incidents of illegal basement apartments have been brought to the Trustees attention.

"I feel for you," Rosenbaum said, "but I would hate like heck for (Village Attorney Thomas) Bayer to have to represent the village in court. This effects all of the village of Oak Lawn."

"It doesn't meet local ordinances," Fire Chief Tom Moran said. "It's just not supposed to be there."

The petition was denied in a four-to-two vote.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Sept. 10.

concern that not only would the City lose property taxes currently paid out on the parking lot, but also on the land next to the parking lot that the school would also develop. The City would be responsible for more police coverage, wear and tear on streets caused by extra traffic, and the extra strain on other services.

When the roll was called to approve either move, it was defeated. Alderman Howley, Moirano and Riley voted aye. Aldermen Lustig, McCue, Potacki, Stachnik, and Zimmerman voted nay.

At the August 8 City

Council Meeting, the City Council heard from residents who expressed their disappointment in their decision. Arlene Casper of the Chamber of Commerce commented that Northwestern was the second largest employer. Dan Miller of Northwestern was at one time president of the Chamber.

Yes, taxes are a problem, she conceded. But, she said, the property on 87th Street is prime property, more attractive to developers than the piece in question on 95th Street. "Please reconsider," she said. The long-term affects would soon outweigh. Each year, 900 new students would enroll at Northwestern. "A renewable resource," she called it. Nine hundred business minded people, possibly future businessmen in Hickory Hills, and possibly future residents.

Chiropractor Linda Aylers said that her patients asked her, "did you see what they did? Why in the world would the City do what they did?"

Janice Muzzarelli, owner of the Sabre Room, spoke. At the last Council meeting, she did not state that the property was purchased 52 years ago when her family opened the Sabre Room, hoping to eventually develop it. Major retailers, she said weren't interested because the land backed the forest preserves. When Walgreen's offered to purchase the land, she grabbed it. "Take a look at the partially filled malls," she said. "Since Dominick's left, 2 other businesses have held that space." The Northwestern expansion, she said should be "a wonderful asset and would enhance our business community."

Alderman Potacki asked

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Hickory Hills denies variance to business school

by Jude Coyle

Mr. Joseph Pecko represented Northwestern Business College at both the July 11th, and July 25th City Council meetings. Mr. Pecko asked the Council to grant a variance to the Sabre Room. By code, the Sabre Room now has 796 parking spaces. The variance would allow them to reduce the number of spaces to 602. Pecko then asked the City to resub-

divide the parking lot and the land adjacent to that. The College would then purchase the property, and build a larger school.

The Board denied the variance on July 25th, saying that neither the Sabre Room, nor Northwestern had proven a hardship that would require a smaller parking lot.

Property taxes became a sticking point. Schools

and institutes of higher learning are excluded from the property tax rolls. The current property tax rate on the part of the parking lot in question is \$11,000. Of that the City receives \$839.00. The property that the College currently owns on 87th Street would bring in approximately \$14,500 in property taxes.

If the variance is granted, and the school is

allowed to be built, the College would be able to expand their facilities, thus bringing in more students. The school would use more utilities, and would pay more utility spend money in local stores, and pay more to the City is sales taxes. The property on 87th currently used by the school would be returned to the tax rolls.

Alderman expressed

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

—Francis Bacon

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that the matter be referred to a committee for reconsideration. On the advice of Attorney Heather Slone, the matter was referred back to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Alderman Stachnik explained his reasoning. "I am pro-school," he said. "I have four degrees... It is tax rolls." Revenues have gone down, he explained, and it is harder and harder to make ends meet. "Everything," he said, "Get's developed sooner or later."

If he were to vote for the variance it would be only because his criteria were met. First, he said, the old property would be rezoned C-1, and returned to the tax rolls. Secondly, the City would receive an annual impact fee. That impact fee would be tied to the property, and any additions made to the property would add to the impact fee. The fee would also be tied to a cost of living index, and increase when costs increase.

Alderman Stachnik ended by saying that it was disheartening to deny pay increases when outside entities get tax breaks, and other fees have been increased.

Another matter carried forward from another City Council meeting had to do with John Brennan. On May 9th, Mr. Brennan asked that the property at 8650 S. 85th Court be rezoned. Initially, R-5, it was zoned for multifamily condominiums. The parcel of land was large enough to build 8 condos. He planned instead to build five town homes.

At that time Aldermen asked Mr. Brennan to help correct problems at other developments in which he was involved. The vote to rezone, 3 to two, was contingent on

At 9211 Roberts Road, a fence was to be erected and repairs were to be made to the interior of the buildings. At 87th Street, the parking lot was sinking. At 8807 79th Street, the roof needed repairs, and a retaining wall, separating the building from the I-294 needed to be built.

At the August 8th meeting, Mr. Brennan faced the Council again. The rezoning had been approved, but building permits hadn't been issued. Why was he being

held hostage?

Building Commissioner Gordon Betcher confirmed that the building permits had been issued, but were on hold.

Alderman Potacki added that the permits would not be issued until repairs were made. Had the parking lot been resurfaced, or the fences been built?

The only control he had, Brennan said, was on the Roberts Road property. He was working with the condo association. The parking lot, he said, was resurfaced less than two weeks ago. The condo association did it.

Brennan said that he was a minority shareholder in the developments. The corporation that was the main shareholder had folded.

Brennan was instructed to write down what his responsibilities were to each building. The attorney would then go over it. Also, he said, the City still held a bond in the amount of \$1700 for the property on 79th Street. That money could be used for the construction of a retaining wall. "It's something that has to be taken care of," Commissioner Betcher said.

Fall programs in Burbank

The Burbank Park District will be taking registration for all of their fall programs starting Wednesday, August 4th for residents and Tuesday, September 10th for non-craft classes, and special events. Registration will be taken at Newcastle Park located at 8050 S. Newcastle Ave between the hours of 9-5 Monday-Friday and 9-12 on Saturday. For more information please call (708) 599-2070. There will be a special registration held August 28, 29, & 30 for Dance, Preschool and Playschool. Miss Dana will be available to answer questions from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday the 28th. Make sure to bring birth certificates and shot records for pre/playschool. For more information please call (708) 599-2070

Governor's Hometown award

by Jude Coyle

On August 5, 2002, the Evergreen Park Village Board denied a request from J.J. Sausage, 87th Street, to extend hours of operation. Currently, the business remains open until midnight. Owners report that other J.J.Sausage locations, thirty in all, stay open 24 hours.

Trustee Carol Kyle remarked that she has patronized J.J. Sausage several times and found it 'wonderful'. The neighbors, she said, do not want a 24-hour operation next store.

The owners reported that they have a good relationship with the neighbors.

Mayor Sexton said that he wasn't aware of any complaints. But, he said, the Village Board had made it a policy to restrict 24-hour operations within the Village. "Even White Castle," Sexton said.

The Board approved the issue of \$2,650,000 in general obligation bonds, Series 2002B. The bonds would refinance the cost of remodeling and adding to the Village Hall. This will save the Village about 1 point or \$80,000.

The Board approved a transfer of \$300,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax Funds to the General Fund. The money will be used to maintain streets and highways, and in particular, the current paving project in the Mulholland subdivision.

Village Engineer Robert Boehm reported that new in the Mulholland subdivision. New bases are in place and the lights will soon be operation. Mayor Sexton reminded Mr. Boehm of the project on California. The lights went in, but no one contacted ComEd to have them turned on.

Mr. Boehm reported on the 94th and Kedzie project. Contracts for service are yet to be signed. He and the contractor have contacted the railroad, but have not heard from them. Work will be delayed until that time.

Building Commissioner Ed Clohessy asked the Board to approve bid lettings for the proposed

parking lot at 59th and Ridgeway. He recommended bids from O'Connor Construction, \$30,706, for concrete work, O'Keefe Electric, \$33,655, for electrical work and from Crestwood, \$37,134, for asphalt work. The Board accepted the bids as recommended, and approved his request to seek the next lowest bidder in each category if the low bidder is not able to fulfill his contract. Work will begin immediately, and should take six weeks to complete.

Business regulation certificates were granted for the following:

Curves for Women, 3324-1/2 W. 95th Street (fitness/weight loss center for women).

Progressive Nursing Staffers, 2400 W. 95th Inc., Evergreen Plaza, J-21 (retail clothing store).

Mr. Phelps of the Youth Department reported that hours of operation would change at the Drop In Center to reflect the opening of schools. The new hours are 3 to 5PM. This summer, he reported, 51 requests from senior citizens for help with chores, like cutting grass and washing windows, were filled. He also reported that volunteers would be needed for the upcoming coat drive, Kiwanis Days and other activities.

The meeting ended with the introduction of senior dance group, Evergreen Parkettes. The Parkettes won the Governor's Hometown Award in the Senior Performance Division. Miriam Calcaretto, director and dance instructor, introduced the members; Eileen Barry, Mary Costin, Jean Feurer, Maureen Kanadet, Lorraine Proudden, and Bill Watson. The group danced to John Philip Souza's 'Stars and Strips,' and a medley called 'Hooked on Country.'

The Village of Evergreen Park also received the Governor's Hometown Award for Volunteerism.

O'Malley works on John P. Berry benefit

Protecting children from criminals who would steal their innocence is the aim of legislation being proposed by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

The 18th District Senator is working with the Illinois State Crime Commission to strengthen laws against child abduction, solicitation and pornography. He and ISCC Executive Director Jerry Elsner discussed "Project Safe Child" at a press conference on Aug. 9 at the James R. Thompson Center.

"The innocence of childhood needs to be protected," O'Malley said. "I am introducing 'Project Safe Child' legislation, which makes four major changes to Illinois laws that are necessary to protect our children."

The 18th District Senator said, "Project Safe Child" strengthens laws combating child abductions, solicitation and pornography.

The first provision closes a loophole in the child abduction statute. Under current law, in order to be guilty of a violation, the child must be lured into a "motor vehicle, building, house trailer, or dwelling place," for an unlawful purpose. The proposal will eliminate the requirement of specific places and absolutely prohibit an adult from luring a child to "any location" for an unlawful purpose.

Additionally, it is not clear that luring a child to a place for an illegal purpose applies when the luring is over the computer or Internet. The proposal adds the term "solicit" to clarify that luring a child over the Internet or via computer is included under the child abduction statute.

The second provision prohibits distribution of "harmful material" (material with explicit sexual content) to children if it is done via computer or on the Internet. The new Class 4 felony (up to \$5,000 fine and one to four years behind bars) is greater than the penalty for the distribution of "harmful material" to children in person because the Internet reaches inside the home and therefore it is more invasive.

The third provision creates a new law intended to prevent a convicted child sex offender from operating a child modeling business.

The fourth provision amends the child pornography statute to prohibit explicit de-

pictions of children who are scantily clad, or displayed wearing transparent clothing.

"Too many children get hurt by chance. None should suffer because of our indifference," Elsner said. "The job of a parent is to protect their children. The State's role is to facilitate that parental obligation. This initiative accomplishes that important State goal."

O'Malley has worked with Elsner and the Illinois State Crime Commission on many other measures, including the "Protect Our Children" legislation passed in 2001. Originated in Livingston County, the child-protection program will now keep children safe statewide. The 18th District Senator shepherded the "Protect Our Children" legislation through the General Assembly, which approved it by unanimous votes each step of the way.

The new law requires that day-care facilities and schools, including colleges, receive written notification within 24 hours from the clerk of the court when there is an order of protection issued for any student.

"An order of protection helps shield a child when each and every person responsible for the child knows about the order. The new law eliminates the confusion surrounding orders of protection by making it clear to schools or day-care facilities when a valid order of protection is in effect," O'Malley said. "We also incorporated language into the legislation at the request of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence to protect the privacy of victims."

Senate Bill 187 is based on the innovative "Protect Our Children" program in Flanagan and Livingston County, which was developed in Nov. 1999

The new law has been endorsed by schools, law enforcement and child advocates across the state, as well as the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance, the Polly Klaas Foundation, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

"I believe 'Project Safe Child' will be embraced by the same organizations, and more, that supported the 'Protect Our Children' program," O'Malley said.

A benefit will be held on Sunday, September 22nd 2002 for the family of John Berry. John was the victim of a tragic auto accident last November on Western Avenue. John Berry was a 31 year veteran of the Chicago

Police Department. John is survived by his wife Kathy, and four children. The benefit will take place at Bourbon St. restaurant located at 115th and Homan Ave. in Merrionette Park. The event will take place from 1 till 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 which includes raffles, silent auction, DJ's, beer, pop, and wine.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 888-744-4674 or 773-445-1432.

Weight watchers program

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, Blue Island, is introducing its new Weight Watchers program starting Thurs., Sept. 5. Class will be held on mezzanine level in the dining room, near Room C. Free registration and only \$9.95 per week. A pay-as-you-go option is available. The program will be held

weekly on Thursdays. Weigh-in is at 6 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. meeting. Weigh-in is also at 7:30 followed by an 8 p.m. meeting.

To register, attend the program start on Sept. 5. For additional information, contact the wellness center at 708-824-4850.

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Corn boil fest

The Annual Corn Boil will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 94th & Homan Ave., on Sat., Aug. 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

All the corn-on-the-cob you can eat plus a hot dog, salad, watermelon and a bev-

erage for only \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth five to 11 years, and free for children under five.

A dessert bar and ice cream will be extra. A mini-bake sale will provide homemade goodies for your weekend enjoyment.

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

For further information, call the church at 708-422-8451 or 708-422-1059. Dress is casual.

Queen of Martyrs anniversary

When Queen of Martyrs Parish, Evergreen Park, celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding on Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. Mass, many of its early parishioners will be present. They will remember their church and school going up on the edge of a mile square prairie of wild flowers that later became the campuses of St. Xavier University, Mother McAuley and Brother Rice high schools.

Cardinal Francis George, OMI, will be on hand to cel-

ebate the golden jubilee Mass this fall, his first ever visit to the church at 10300 S. Central Park Ave.

Concelebrants will include the present pastor, Father Edward M. Mikolajczyk, pastor emeritus Father William P. Murphy, and former pastors Father William Gubbins and Father Patrick Lyons. Founding pastor was the late Msgr. John M. Vitha.

A dinner-dance is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 at the Lexington House, Hickory Hills. Tickets for the gala are \$50 per person if purchased before Sept. 21 or \$60 after that date. Parishioners, former neighbors, and grads can contact Jim and Kay McKeever at 773-239-0862 for reservations.

Computer seminar at business expo

John Hojek of Prairie State College will take seminar participants through hands-on demonstrations in the latest Microsoft software packages on Thurs., Oct. 24 at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Expo.

The Expo, which is sponsored by Mi-Jack Products, Inc., and Holiday Inn Select & Convention Center, will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

at the Tinley Park Convention Center, I-80 and Harlem Ave.

The computer seminars scheduled are Power Point at 10 a.m., Word at 11 a.m., Excel at 1:30 p.m., and Windows at 2:30 p.m. Cost of each seminar is \$5.

The Expo includes other business seminars and technology workshops, a business image luncheon show and over 100 exhibits filled

with a wide range of small and large businesses.

Admission to the Expo is free with advance tickets or \$5 at the door.

Call the Chamber office at 708-957-6950 to request free admission tickets. Visit www.chicagosouthland.com for more information about this exciting, revitalized Expo. The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce is a regional organization serving a population of 2.5 million in 71 communities in the area bounded by Chicago on the north, Northwest Indiana on the east, Kankakee on the south, and Joliet on the west.

Bureau orientation

New and prospective members of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau are invited to attend a Bureau Orientation on Wed., Aug. 21 at 8:30 a.m. at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd St., Lansing.

According to Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett, the orientation is designed to give new and prospective members a quick overview of the mission, function, services and

benefits of Bureau membership, and outline how tourism affects virtually every sector of the Chicago Southland economy.

The orientation lasts approximately 40-45 minutes and is followed by a question-and-answer period.

A continental breakfast will be served, and the entire program should be completed in approximately one hour.

"Visitors to the area and those attending meetings,

seminars, and sporting events affect a wide variety of businesses, from hotels and motels to restaurants, attractions, car rental agencies, service stations, and retailers," said Garrett. "It's a trickle-down effect that injects dollars into the Chicago Southland economy."

New and prospective members interested in attending the free orientation to learn more about the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau are asked to confirm their attendance by Tues., Aug. 20 at 708-895-8200.

Oasis for women in divorce

Very few life experiences are more difficult and more stressful than divorce. The emotional storm can be overwhelming. To help women cope and move forward, The Oasis Experience announced three programs this fall to address the specific needs of women.

"It's a New Dawn, It's a New Day" on Sept. 21 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Renaissance Oak Brook Hotel at 2100 Spring Road in Oak Brook features a panel of divorced women discussing changing relationships. They will discuss how divorce impacts relationships with a former spouse, children, family and friends. Panelists and participants will also address concerns and issues in meeting new people and entering the dating scene.

Participants will meet other women who share their divorce experience, gain important information, take time for themselves, ask questions, share experiences, receive support in a nurturing environment and enjoy an elegant snack. The half-day seminar is available to women of all ages for \$45.

A weekend retreat will be held Oct. 18 to 20 at the Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Rd. in Bloomingdale, Ill. The weekend utilizes a holistic approach that nurtures the emotional physical, spiritual, intellectual and social aspects of the individual. The focus is positive and centers on offering a safe harbor for rest, relaxation and rediscovery with the spirit of a spa weekend. The camaraderie between women who attend the weekends is powerful and often, lasting.

"When I came back from the weekend I couldn't stop talking about it," said Georgianne.

The weekends are structured so that there are welcoming workshops on Fri. evening. But Sat. programs don't begin until noon, giving the participants the entire morning to sleep in, read a book, use spa services or take a walk—a rare treat for any busy woman.

"Women experiencing divorce rarely spend time on themselves," said Linda Lucatorto, who founded the Oasis Experience along with partner Pat Cunningham.

"One focus of our programs is to encourage women to take care of their own needs because this overwhelming experience places such demands on their emotional and physical health. Often, we are so concerned with our kids, our job, our responsibilities... that we don't focus on our own well-being."

The weekend retreat includes workshops on recovery issues, re-identification as a single woman and goal setting. In addition to the self-discovery and education, a wine and cheese welcome social, Sat. and Sun. breakfast and a special dinner on Sun. evening are offered as part of the holistic approach. The weekend package is available for \$325 for a double and \$425 for a single.

Finally, on Nov. 2 at the Renaissance Hotel in Oakbrook, Oasis will hold a two-part seminar entitled, "Navigating Rough Seas in the Storm of Divorce." A session from 9:30 a.m. to noon builds understanding of the role of the judge, attorney and mediator in the divorce proceedings. Attorney Karen Pinkert-Lieb joins Robin

Hoberman mediator and Judge Katherine Crewscl in a panel discussion to answer participant's questions. The experts well-qualified to share their expertise: Pinkert-Lieb is with Schiller, Ducanto and Fleck, one of the largest Divorce firms in the nation, Hoberman, attorney and owner of Solutions First, a Chicago-based mediation firm and Crewscl is a justice in the DuPage County Court System. There is a break for lunch or shopping at the adjacent Oak Brook Center Mall. An afternoon session from 1:30 to 4 p.m. features a discussion of the impact of divorce on children of all ages led by Dr. Sara Bonkowski. Bonkowski is the author of several books on children and divorce and a clinical social worker with her own private practice. She will help participants learn ways to communicate more effectively with their tots, teens, adolescents and adult children and learn ways to handle the changes in family structure.

Oasis was founded by Linda Lucatorto, M.Ed and Patricia Cunningham L.C.P.C., when the two friends experienced divorce

at the same time.

In addition to weekends and seminars Oasis offers weekly Empowerment Groups in Wheaton. The next session begins in Oct. For information, or to register for events, call 630-585-4189. Inquires are confidential.

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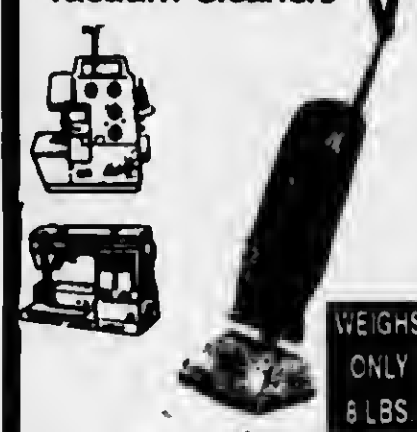
Singles are invited to a Labor Day Singles Dance on Sun., Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. There will be dancing to a DJ and a cash bar. An appetizer buffet will be served only between the hours of 9 to 10 p.m. The dance will be held at Mama Vesuvio's, Route 83 and Ridgeland, Palos Heights. The cost is \$8. Call the hotline for further information at 708-802-0804 or visit the website at www.youngsingleparents.org.



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Questioning location of airport expansion

For the first time to our knowledge, Illinois Transportation Secretary Kirk Brown said the new "ring road" linking the Northwest and Tri-State toll roads along the west and south edges of O'Hare International Airport would be physically located on airport property.

No new land would be taken for the road, Brown said in a newspaper interview.

This is big news, but it leaves a critical question: Where? Where on the airport will it go?

For months, the state and Chicago have been mum about where the promised ring road would go. This is a conundrum for airport expansion promoters because if the road

(1) goes west and south of the airport, off its property, it will cut a swath through Elk Grove Village, Bensenville, destroying thousands more homes and jobs that expansionists have admitted.

Or, (2), if the road avoids that devastation by going on airport property, the question has to be an emphatic, where on the property?

The only map Chicago has produced of the expansion shows no ring road on the property, and no room for one. Some speculate that it might tunnel under the new runways. How inviting would that be for terrorists who could park a truckload of explosives under an active runway? Further, engineers say any bridge or tunnel under a runway would have to be reinforced many times more than normal to handle the forces of a fully loaded, landing jumbo jet. Does the FAA allow active runways to bridge busy expressways anywhere else?

If not located under the runways, would the on-airport ring road skirt the ends of the six new east-west runways, running through clear "safety zones" that federal airport standards now require at the end of runways?

If so, what is the wisdom of thousands of cars traveling on an expressway only a few feet below landing airplanes?

What would an on-airport ring road cost? How many billions more would it cost to tunnel under the airport? Or how much would it cost to build at least a dozen ultra-reinforced bridges under active runways? How much would all of this extra construction contribute to delays for the next 10 or 20 years? Finally, how safe would any of these schemes be? Doesn't the public deserve some answers? At least before Congress blindly endorses O'Hare expansion?

- Members of the Suburban O'Hare Commission

Gage Park reunion

Class of January through June 1947 and others are invited to a 55th year reunion from Gage Park High School. Contact Elaine DeGiorgio Brogren at 708-331-4378.

Daley-Ryan agreement didn't exist

Despite repeated references to an "historic agreement" between Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and Gov. George Ryan to expand O'Hare Airport, it turns out that—according to lawyers for Chicago and the Governor—no such written accord exists.

The startling admission was made before DuPage Circuit Judge Hollis Webster, when she agreed that plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging the agreement were at least entitled to see the agreement in question. Chicago attorneys, who have been fighting efforts for full disclosure of all documents relating to the "historic agreement" then confessed that they could make no such agreement available because none exists.

"Which leads to the question of whether the historic agreement that Daley and Ryan have told Congress they entered into really exists," said Bensenville Village President John Geils. "Where is the 'historic agreement' in which Ryan supposedly gave his approval for O'Hare expansion? Is it simply vaporware? Is it all a hoax of Congress and the people of the State of Illinois?"

Geils continued: "The 'historic' Daley-Ryan Agreement

was supposed to contain binding promises between the state and Chicago. Daley supposedly agreed to build a major expansion of O'Hare and Ryan supposedly agreed to approve it. In return, Ryan supposedly agreed that the State would build a western access road to O'Hare and Daley supposedly agreed that Chicago would pay for the road construction. Finally, Daley supposedly agreed to support construction of a new South Suburban Airport at Peotone.

"These supposed promises—involving the commitment of billions of dollars of public funds—now, according to Chicago lawyers, appear to be nothing more than public relations hot air," said Geils. "Daley and Ryan have duped Congress, the media and the citizens of Illinois."

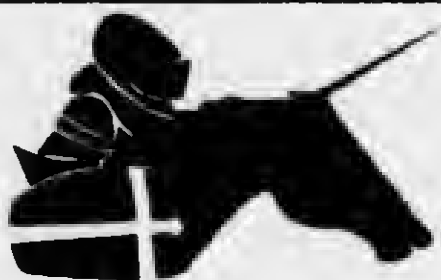
"If you have a project that could ultimately cost \$15 billion or more, then at least a few of the specifics should be put down in writing. Not doing so is like selling your house without a written contract," Geils said.

"Are Daley and Ryan going to tell me, the taxpayers, the media and Congress that putting such an agreement into writing is but a mere formal-

ity? That they can build what is possibly the most costly, disruptive and ill-advised public works project in the state's history simply on the basis of a handshake," Geils asked. "Is Congress being asked how to 'memorialize' an agreement that doesn't exist? We've been asking all along how Congress can chisel such an agreement into stone when it doesn't even know the details of the agreement. Now that question becomes even more imperative, since the legislation before Congress does not, in fact, hold either the city or the state to the specifics of this shadowy 'agreement.'"

The suit against the agreement was filed in June by Bensenville, Ill. Senate President "Pate" Philip and Congressman Henry Hyde. It charges that Ryan had no statutory or constitutional authority to enter into an "agreement" with Daley, and that the legal mechanism provided by the Illinois General Assembly for Chicago to receive state authority for the expansion is found in the permitting procedures of the Illinois Aeronautics Act, which Ryan did not follow.

-John Geils, the Village of Bensenville



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Senior issues meeting

Blake-Lamb Funeral Home will hold its Senior Citizens' Meeting on Tues., Sept. 10 (please note the meeting has been changed

McAfee to address Garden seniors

Lauren McAfee, Enforcement Attorney of the Illinois Securities Department of Secretary of State Jesse White's office, will speak before the Garden Seniors, Fri., Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. at First Methodist Church, 10000 S. Central Ave. in Oak Lawn.

Man's capacities have never been measured; not are we to judge of what he can do by any precedents, so little has been tried.

—Henry David Thoreau

from Sept. 17) at Bethany Union Church, 103rd and Wood Street, beginning at 11 a.m. Our guest speaker is Kevin Joyce, Democratic Candidate for State Representative for the 28th District. He will speak on "Benefits and Issues Concerning Senior Citizens."

All senior citizens are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Blanch Gerard, coordinator, announced that McAfee will explain the workings of the Illinois Securities Department, focusing on crimes against senior citizens, touching on investor education on scams and how to protect yourself against being a victim of financial fraud.

McAfee is a graduate of Indiana University, received her law degree and masters in mass communication from Drake University and is currently attending the Illinois Institute of Technology's Center for Law and Financial Markets. She also volunteers with the Chicago Cares and tutors for Cabrini-Green programs.

Beat the heat

Chicago is in the midst of one of its hottest summers in recent memory. This has made many people nervous about exercising outdoors, but summer athletes should have nothing to fear if they take the proper precautions. Here are a few tips on how to workout safely when it's hot outside:

Drink plenty of water. In hot weather it is easy to become dehydrated while exercising. When the temperatures rise past 90 degrees you

must take extra precautions to guard yourself from dehydration. Before beginning your workout, make sure you are properly hydrated. One you are outdoors, you should drink eight ounces of water every 20 minutes. It will safeguard you from dehydration.

Dress lightly. "Many people believe that cotton is the best fabric to wear while exercising in the heat because it breathes, but this is not true," said Darryl Lee, wellness coordinator, Lakeshore Athletic Club. "Cotton fabrics become wet and don't allow your sweat to evaporate, which is how the body cools itself. When exercising in hot temperatures,

be sure to wear light-colored poly-blend fabrics.

Learn to spot trouble. Listen to your body; you know when you don't feel normal. Light-headedness and cramps in the calves and stomach can mean your body is becoming dehydrated. Not sweating at all is a sign that your body is severely dehydrated. If you suffer from any of these symptoms cool yourself down and hydrate yourself immediately.

Cool down slowly. "When you are finished exercising get out of the heat, but keep moving," said Lee. "It is important to go through a complete cool down process before you stop exercising."

Medical Society, Illinois Medical Society and American Medical Association.

The seminar is free and open to the public. However, you must RSVP before Fri., Sept. 27. To reserve your seat, call John Evers, community relations coordinator at 708-239-4911. When calling, be sure to leave your name, telephone number, and number of people in your party.

Please park in the rear parking lot, and take the elevator to the lower level. Refreshments will be served.

Arthritis seminar

Victorian Village, a retirement community affiliated with Rest Haven Christian Services, (located 1/4 mile east of Bell Road on 143rd Street, Homer Glen) will host an "Understanding Arthritis" seminar. It will take place on Wed., Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. Vinod K. Soni M.D. will be the featured speaker. Soni is Board certified in internal medicine and rheumatology. Soni was Instructor in Medicine (Rheumatology) at Louisiana

State University Medical Center in New Orleans. He also held the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology at the University. Soni has been affiliated with several area hospitals; and is presently affiliated with Palos Community Hospital, and St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island. Soni also holds membership in: American College of Rheumatology, Chicago

Relief for caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a program that provides caregivers with tools needed to take care of themselves now while taking care of their loved one now and in the future. The "tools" program, which consists of six two-and-a-half hour sessions held once a week, will be offered by the Office of Aging of Stickney Township.

Classes, taught by two experienced leaders, will begin on Mon., Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Louis S Viverito Senior Center at 7745 S. Leamington in Burbank.

If you regularly care for an elderly, disabled or chronically ill loved one, then you are a caregiver. Frankly, caregiving can be stressful physically, emotionally, and financially. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help the caregiver take the "tools" he chooses and put them in action in his or her life. A fee of \$15 will cover the textbook and materials.

For more information, contact Ed Hennessy at 708-636-8850 ext. 13 or www.matherlifeways.com.

Evergreen Parkettes dance their way to Springfield

By Jude Coyle

Senior dance group The Evergreen Parkettes donned white hats, green bandannas, white blouses and black pants for their performance at the August 15 Evergreen Park Village Board Meeting. They had just won the Governor's Senior

Talent Division, and were anxious to celebrate. Members wanted to dance to something patriotic. So with American flags in hand, they line danced to a recording of John Philip Souza's 'Stars and Stripes Forever.' Teacher and choreo-

grapher Miriam Calcaretto credited the creation of the dance group as well as their entry into the Hometown Award

competition to Senior Services Director Jolene Churak. "She suggested we form a group," Mariam said.

Mariam Calcaretto teaches line dancing at the Senior Center, at 97th and Homan, each Monday morning from Labor Day through June. There are beginning, intermediate and advanced classes.

The Parkettes began in April 2001 with members from the advanced class. "We perform about once a week during the summer," Mariam explained. "At Christmas, too. At nursing homes and for fraternal groups."

Line dancing, Mariam explained, is

strictly done with the legs. Arms and hands are free to do with whatever the dancer wants. Most tuck them behind their backs or hook their thumbs in belts or pockets. The Parkettes incorporate rhythmic hand movements into their dances.

They use a variety of music. "We try to mix it up," Mariam explained. The group chooses the sounds, anything from Hawaiian, to Irish step music, to polkas, sambas, country or rumbas. "We dance to 'The Beer Barrel Polka', 'The Twelfth Street Rag,' and 'Chicago.'" The group makes their steps reflect the tempo and style of the music.

Members include Eileen Barry, Mary Costin, Jean Feurer, Maureen Kanadet,

Lorraine Prudden, and Bill Watson. Dolores Auglin, and Rick and Louise Biddle are also members, but were not able to attend the Village Board Meeting.

Prior to teaching line dancing, Mariam Calcaretto taught ballet to children and belly dancing to adults. She had a studio in the Fine Arts Building in Downtown Chicago.

She invites anyone interested in learning to line dance to her classes. To hire the Evergreen Parkettes, one should call the Senior Center. Payment isn't necessary, but a donation to the Senior Center would be gratefully accepted.



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Sunshine, lollipops, rainbows banquet

NAMI Southwest, a local affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is pleased to announce its upcoming banquet, "Sunshine, Lollipops, and Rainbows" to be held on Sept. 13 at the Oak Lawn Elks Club, 107th and Central, at 6:30 p.m.

Events throughout the evening include a buffet dinner, a grand prize raffle, and a talent show featuring the Sunshine Club, a social group for persons having mental illnesses. The grand prizes to be raffled include two round trip airline tickets given by Southwest Airlines, a TGIF Plus Getaway Weekend Package given by the

Oak Lawn Hilton and Conference Center, an Overnight Bed and Breakfast package for two donated by the Radisson Hotel Alsip, and a handmade afghan crafted by NAMI Southwest board member Cora Shanahan.

Banquet reservations and raffle tickets are available by calling 708-425-0925.

A new twist for this banquet, which has taken place for more than ten years, is the special invitations for children having mental illnesses or emotional difficulties and their families to come (hence the "Lollipops" part of the theme of the evening). NAMI Southwest launched a

new group this year called "Sunspots" for children due to a generous grant from the Illinois Humane Society, well-known for funding organizations providing special programs for children. It hopes to attract even more children and families to the Sunspots group by inviting them to come out for a fun evening at the banquet.

The "Rainbows" part of the theme represents the promise of better days to come and with the money raised by the event, NAMI Southwest hopes to continue providing support groups and education for persons with mental illnesses. The rest of the words in that old pop tune go, "...everything that's wonderful is how I feel when we're together..." and that is what makes for a perfect banquet theme.

Lincoln Mall carnival

Featuring 35 exciting rides for children and adults, 40 games, and 12 kiddie rides, Lincoln Mall, Cicero Avenue and Lincoln Highway (Route 30), will host the Greater Chicago Southland Summer Carnival on Fri., Aug. 16 through Sun., Aug. 25. A portion of the proceeds from the carnival benefit The Panty of Rich Township.

Spectacular Attractions/Murphy Brothers Exposition- direct from the Wisconsin State Fair- provides the rides and attractions, featuring a 100-foot Ferris Wheel, America's Largest Portable

Roller Coaster, a grand carousel, funhouse, a rock-climbing wall, and much more. "True Vibe" will entertain guests inside Lincoln Mall on Tues., Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. The free concert is sponsored by Shine 89.7 WONU FM Christian Radio.

The Greater Chicago Southland Summer Carnival will run through Sun., Aug. 24 from 4 p.m. to midnight Mon. through Fri., and 1 p.m. to midnight Sat. and Sun.

Sponsored by Lincoln Mall, the event is designed to "bring additional summer excitement to the Matteson

area and the Chicago Southland region," according to Arlene Elbersson, Lincoln Mall Marketing Director.

Discount coupons offering \$5 off an unlimited ride wristband (good weekdays and in two sessions on Sat. and Sun.) are available at Lincoln Mall's Customer Service Center in the mall's lower level in front of Sears. Murphy Brothers Expositions will donate \$1 of each discount coupon to The Panty of Rich Township.

For more information, call Lincoln Mall at 708-747-5600.

Bike ride for Special Olympics

Bike riders, age 12 and older, are invited to join the Orland Park Police Department Bike Patrol Unit for a 12.2 mile ride through Orland Park and the Tinley Creek Forest Preserve on Sun., Aug. 25 to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. The ride begins and ends at the Orland Park

Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Ave. Check-in/registration is at 6:30 a.m. and the ride begins at 7 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

Pre-registration will be available until 5 p.m. Fri., Aug. 23 at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Ave. and at the

Orland Park Police Station, 14600 South Ravinia Ave. Registration will also be available the morning of the ride.

T-shirts will be given to the first 75 riders and refreshments will be available to all riders. For more information, call the Orland Park Police at 708-349-4111.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Youth Services Department will open registration for many of their Fall 2002 children's programs on Mon., Aug. 26.

Preference will be given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented at registration.

Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

This season's offerings are:

Baby Business, a program for babies ages 12 through 24 months and their caregivers; a variety of storytimes for children age two through eight; a Halloween-themed art exhibition for seventh through tenth graders; drop-in crafts offered once a month; and Junior Friends of the Library, a volunteer group for students in grades

seven through ten.

Registration begins Oct. 14 for late fall sessions of Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime and After School Storytime.

For additional information, pick up a fall 2002 program booklet in the youth services department, visit the website, www.lib.oaklawn.il.us, or call 708-422-4990.

Chiropractors Help Car Accident Injuries And Nobody Knows It!

In Chicago, thousands of accident victims choose inappropriate care. But thanks to a Chicago chiropractor, things are changing fast:

By Sandy Fontana
Special Features Writer

Recently I was involved in a car accident and had to choose whom to go for the treatment of the injuries I sustained. It wasn't an easy decision for me to make.

When you need a doctor, you need a doctor. This is true for any professional service. Unfortunately for many, most victims of automobile accidents either self medicate, do nothing, or choose a path of care that, in the long run, may not help them at all.

I found that many doctors are trained to treat injuries sustained as a result of an automobile collision. Most of these injuries fall into the realm of "soft tissue injuries."

Some of the health care providers that treat these types of injuries include but are not limited to... M.D.'s, Physical Therapists, Acupuncture, and Chiropractic.

Like "soft tissue injuries," chiropractic as a profession is also misunderstood. Through some research, I found that some chiropractors claim that most if not all ailments are directly or indirectly a result of misalignments of the bones of the spine, called "vertebrae." These doctors "adjust" the vertebrae to "move the bone off of the nerve."

These "straight" chiropractors contend that when a nerve is "pinched" or "irritated," the cells or body part supplied by that nerve would malfunction in some way or another. This malfunction may or may not express itself through pain or obvious dysfunction, but according to a segment of the profession, this

nerve pressure, or "subluxation" can have devastating effects on human health potential.

There are also chiropractors that concentrate on treating pain caused by musculo-skeletal problems like joint fixation or scar tissue.

The interesting thing is that it was found that at any given time, most, if not all chiropractors treat auto accident patients in their office, no matter if they are a "straight" chiropractor or not!

Another fact is that, regardless of the "philosophy" of the chiropractor, most car accident victims greatly benefit from the chiropractic care.

This finding caused me to realize the problem chiropractic has as a profession; it markets to what they think we need, rather than giving us what we want.

As far as chiropractic cares for the treatment of soft tissue injuries from automobile accidents, instead of pushing their beliefs down our throats, I wish chiropractors would educate the public on the benefits of chiropractic care better. My advice to all chiropractors is that they consider marketing their services to the general public more aggressively. Chiropractic helped me, and I know it can help many other car accident victims if they knew more about it.

Thanks to my chiropractor, I'm feeling better than ever. He is not only a great doctor, I found out that he helps other doctors educate car accident victims on the benefits of chiropractic care.

If you, or someone you know, have recently been involved in a car accident, call Ridgeland Family Chiropractic at (708) 636-0901 to hear how my chiropractor can help you.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

The banana-less banana split

By Kathy Whirity
kathywhirity@mymailstation.com

It doesn't matter whether it's a soft serve cone served at the corner hamburger place, a push-up pop from the back of an ice cream truck, or the banana split consumer at the local family restaurant, these cool and tasty treats all hit the spot on hot summer evenings.

The sister team of Helen and Sofie are waitressing at Pappas' restaurant and they make the best banana splits, no matter what the season.

Bill and I are frequent customers of their father's well-run establishment, where we can always count on great service and a good laugh.

Bill likes to tease Sofie that her sister Helen has the magic touch when it comes to making a masterpiece out of an old-fash-

ioned banana split, to which Sofie always feigns great frustration. The teasing goes back and forth each time Bill orders one of these oh-so-satisfying, ice cream creations.

One hot and muggy Sunday evening, Bill's brother Terry and sister-in-law Linda went out with us for a bite to eat at Pappas.

They ordered a banana split to share.

Of course Bill had to tease Sofie by informing them that it's really her sister who appeased the palate with a dazzling dessert.

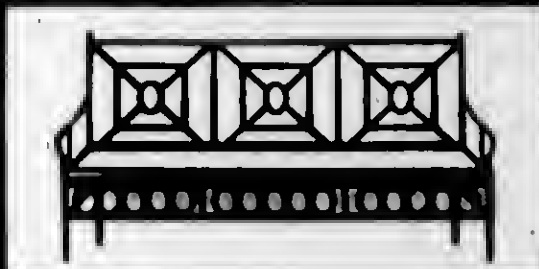
The bantering between Bill and Sofie continued, with laughs shared by all. Bill must've really frazzled poor Sofie because, halfway through enjoying the banana split, Linda discovered something odd- there were no bananas in her banana split. That bit of revelation caused Bill to look like the cat that swallowed the canary.

Sofie turned a pretty shade of red as Bill gleefully announced that he couldn't wait to tell Helen the news.

The banana split was eaten, we all had a good chuckle and Sofie, as usual, was a good sport, who took the ribbing in stride.

It's summer in the city, with days spent out in pools or in front of air conditioners, and evenings spent satisfying your sweet tooth with a smooth and creamy confection. It doesn't matter if it's a cone, a bar, or in fancy dishes, ice cream in summertime is always a refreshing treat-- made all the more delightful when a bananaless banana split is served by a wonderful waitress, who can give as good as she gets, but who may never live this one down as long as my dear husband is around.

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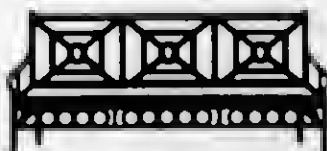


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READING

Famous Makers Spell S-T-Y-L-E

Whether you're outfitting pre-schoolers, middle-schoolers, high-schoolers or college students, the kids are looking for a spelling lesson from their favorite designers. "A" is for Akademiks Jeanius Level Products at **Belvidere Blues**. Shop for jeans, sweats, shirts, shoes and more in brands that include Akademiks, Sean Jean, Ecco and other. At **Man Alive** and **Man Alive North** shop for a variety of your favorite titles: Fubu and Fubu Ladies, Rocawear, Phat Farm, Timberland, Pelle Pelle and others. **The Lark** and **Lady Lark** make a statement with jeans, sweats and coordinates in fashionable labels that include Sean John, Pelle Pelle and Marithe Francois Girbaud.

FOR THE YOUNGER READER...

Kid's Choice offers jeans, T-shirts, caps and clothes for the younger student in brands such as Nautica, Guess and Levi's. **Club Soda** bubbles up with small time versions of big kid clothes from Guess, Baby Guess, Sean John, and others. Already available are smart choices in winter wear: sweats, sweaters and coats.

ARITHMATIC

From Telling Time to Adding Up Values

Get your students off to school on time with a watch from **Dakota Watch Co.** Brands include Dakota, Bergenger and Timex, and styles range from high style dress wear to sports wear and everything in between. Keep your little ones watching the minutes with a character watch: Choose Winnie the Pooh, Powerpuff Girls, Scooby Doo, Tweety or even Britney Spears. Back-to-school values are offered in lots of The Plaza stores and that adds up to smart shopping for the youngsters in the family! Check out the values at children's clothing stores such as **Fiddlestix** for dress and casual clothes from infants to middle-schoolers, **The Children's Place** for affordable and durable clothing in a variety of coordinated colors and styles for children size 4 to 14, and **Rainbow Kids** where small sizes equal teen styles, including little leathers.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

The Topic is Teens

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Back to School safety tips

More than 400,000 children suffer severe injuries from pedestrian, bus and bicycle-related incidents, many of them during the back-to-school season, according to trauma prevention experts at Loyola Medical Center.

"Younger children are at greatest risk because of their general inability to measure speed, distance and velocity," said Dr. Thomas Esposito, director of the Injury Analysis and Prevention Programs at Loyola University Medical Center, and a national expert in injury prevention. "These injuries are preventable, but, unfortunately, we see them year after year, despite our best education efforts."

Esposito is urging parents to review with their children some basic safety and injury prevention tips as they return to the classroom this year.

"By taking time to educate their children, parents hopefully will avoid unnecessary trips to the emergency department," said Esposito.

Loyola's injury prevention team also offers the following injury prevention tips to keep children safe this school year:

Before children leave for school each morning, ensure that their school-related items are properly stowed in a backpack to avoid the risk of dropping any books or supplies along the way. Dropping loose items can create a distraction causing children to come into harm's way in crosswalks or along streets.

Wearing bright, contrasting colors make pedestrians more visible to drivers. Encourage older children to wear this type of clothing and dress younger ones with this in mind.

Ensure children allow adequate time to walk to the bus stop. Youngsters should reach the bus stop before the school bus arrives, avoiding the need to rush, which increases significantly their chance of falling or running into traffic.

Accompany children younger than 8 years old to the bus stop and wait until they are safely on the bus. Encourage older children to walk in groups; this makes it easier for drivers to see students and may reduce risk of injury.

Teach children to avoid walking in the street. If there

are no sidewalks, tell children to walk in a single-file line, facing oncoming traffic, on the shoulder of the road or, preferably, on the side lawn along the street.

Teach youngsters to exaggerate head movements when looking left, right and left, again. Practice these movements at home so that children clearly understand the proper steps to follow.

Tell children to avoid running games or roughhousing while waiting for the bus.

Instruct youngsters to stand at least 10 feet, which is about five giant steps, from the road.

Teach children to exit the bus slowly, and to walk after departing the bus.

If students must cross the street after exiting the bus, instruct them to cross 10 feet in front of the bus, where both child and the driver can see each other. Teach children to stop and look left, right and left before walking across the street.

Discourage youngsters from picking up items in the street.

Despite public education efforts, Esposito said, thousands and thousands of children are critically injured or killed each year in automobile crashes.

Unrestrained or improp-

erly restrained children are far more likely to suffer severe injuries or to die in a car crash. Car seats, when used correctly, reduce the risk of injury by as much as 71 percent. Unfortunately, 95 percent are not used correctly.

Likewise, adults who are unrestrained suffer the same risk of injury or death.

"When parents wear their safety belts, children wear their safety belts," Esposito said. "As adults, we have a responsibility to model good behavior for our youth."

"Also, injured parents cannot fulfill their responsibilities to care for their children and the emotional stress on a child who has a seriously injured parent cannot be measured," Esposito said.

Tips to remember:

Children under 12 should ride in the back seat, with proper safety restraints or booster seats being used. Infants up to 20 pounds and up to one year old must be in rear-facing car seats, in the back seat. Children over one year old and between 20 and 40 pounds may be placed in forward-facing car seats, in the back seat of the vehicle. Children four to eight years old must be in a booster seat and restrained with lap and shoulder belts, in the back seat. It is

illegal to operate a vehicle with children unrestrained as passengers in all 50 states.

Each year, bicycles are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product, other than the automobile.

In fact, more than 580,000 bicycle-related injuries are reported each year by U.S. emergency departments, and many more are attributed to improper use of helmets or ignoring safety rules on the road. Simple, proper use of a bicycle helmet can reduce risk of serious head injury by as much as 85 percent.

In recent years, trauma physicians have seen an increase in serious head injuries related to improper use of manual foot scooters.

Esposito urges children to use the same safety precaution for both bicycles and manual scooters. Children should:

Wear proper safety gear, including a well-fitting helmet and knee, elbow and wrist pads. Avoid surfaces with water, sand, gravel, dirt or other debris that can cause bicycles and scooters to spin out of control. Practice proper stopping and turning techniques on surfaces—such as home driveways or sidewalks—that are void of traffic before traveling further distances.

Library donations

Are you looking for a special way to preserve the memory of a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, give a gift for the person who has everything or share the interests of your club or organization? The Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will accept tax-deductible monetary donations for the purchase of books and other library material. Contributions such as these are a lasting tribute that the whole community can recognize and enjoy.

The library can select from subjects or titles with the honor or your group's area of interest in mind. Once the book or library material is selected, an acknowledgment will be sent to you and, per your request, the person or group being honored. Items purchased with donated funds bear a special nameplate listing the donor and the person or occasion being honored.

For more information about commemorative donations, call 708-422-4990, or pick a brochure at the library's Community Information Centers, first floor.

Washington exhibition comes to state library

Secretary of State Librarian Jesse White has announced that the Illinois State Library in Springfield will host a major traveling exhibition on the life and legacy of President George Washington from Aug. 15 to Sept. 26.

"The Great Experiment: George Washington and the American Republic" is a free panel display containing elements of Washington's early life, the American Revolution, the Constitutional Convention, his presidency and his life after serving as the nation's first president. The 1,000-square foot, 30-panel exhibition is based on original manuscripts, rare books, prints, engravings and historic artifacts. The exhibition is made possible by a \$1,000 grant awarded to the State Library by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"The Land of Lincoln is delighted to be hosting this landmark exhibition on another of our nation's greatest Presidents," White said. "Springfield is one of only 40 cities nationwide that is hosting this exhibition that has

received tremendous praise since it began touring the country in 2000. I hope that teachers and students will take time to visit this important display, so that our young people may better understand Washington's life and historical significance and learn about events that shaped our great nation."

"The Great Experiment" is based on a major exhibition of original documents mounted by the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., in 1998-1999 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Washington's death. It offers a fresh perspective on Washington's life by examining the destinies of Washington and the people of the new American Republic. Visitors will discover the man behind the myths, and learn more about his legacy as well as other 18th century revolutionaries.

The panel display will be located in the first floor atrium of the State Library, 300 S. Second St., in Springfield. Patrons are invited to view the exhibition during Library hours, Mon. through Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Davis energizes United Way campaign

Bill Davis, chairman, president and chief executive officer of R.R. Donnelley, is leading United Way's 2002 Campaign for metropolitan Chicago.

Davis and his leadership team have been actively recruiting other Chicago corporate leaders for the campaign, which officially kicks off in September.

"I'm passionate about this year's campaign because the needs across Chicagoland are great," said Davis, a longtime supporter of United Way. "Record numbers of people are seeking help at United Way partner agencies in the city and suburbs. We want to make sure those who need help can get it."

Davis has served as chairman and chief executive officer of R.R. Donnelley since Mar. 1997 and assumed the role of president in 2001. Active in philanthropy, Davis serves on numerous non-profit boards including United Way in Chicago, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, the Chicago Urban League and Evanston Northwestern Healthcare.

In addition, he sits on the advisory board of Northwestern University J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

"At R.R. Donnelley, we are committed to giving back to the community to ensure that our customers, neighbors and families remain vibrant and strong. United Way is a great way for us and many other companies to make that happen."

With a comprehensive circle of services, United Way helps solve peoples' most critical problems—whether it's finding quality care for kids or an affordable and safe place to live," said Davis.

For more information about United Way or to learn how to start a United Way workplace campaign, visit www.uwonline.org or call 312-876-1808.

United Way identifies critical needs and partners with a family of 412 local agencies in Chicago and the suburbs. Together we bring help and hope to individuals and families across metropolitan Chicago.

Military News

Army Pvt. Ronald J. Verback has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Verback is the son of Eleanor O'Connell of Evergreen Park.

In 2000, the soldier graduated from Evergreen Park Community High School.

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Casey P. Farrell, son of

Charlie Farrell of Oak Lawn, recently graduated from the Combat Engineer Officer Course.

During the course conducted at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., students receive instruction in basic and supervisory level operational and planning skills in engineering related subjects pertaining to mobility, countermobility, survivability, and general engineering. Upon completion of the course, students are qualified to perform tasks appropriate for a platoon commander.

Farrell is a 1997 graduate of Markist High School in Elgin and joined the Marine Corps in Aug. 2001.

Remembrance services

The United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th St., will have two Services of Remembrance for Sept. 11, 2001. Our traditional Sunday Service at 9:20

a.m. on Sept. 8 and our Contemporary Worship Celebration on Wed., Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. will provide prayers, reflection memories and hope.

Solvency is entirely a matter of temperament and not of income.

—Logan Pearsall Smith

Appointments at St. Francis hospital

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is pleased to announce the appointment of the newest members to its medical staff:

Marcia Dawson, MD, Pediatrics.

Dr. Dawson received her medical degree from Meharry Medical College, Nashville Tenn. in 1983, and served her residency at Columbus Hospital, Chicago.

She is Board Certified in Pediatrics, Neonatology/Perinatology.

Her office is located at 2555 West Lincoln Highway, Suite 204, Olympia Field, 60461. Her office phone number is 708-748-3360.

Deborah Killingsworth, MD, Family Practice.

Dr. Killingsworth received her medical degree from Rush Medical College, Chicago in 1996, and served her residency at the University of Illinois/Christ Advocate Hospital, Oak Lawn.

She is Board Certified in Family Medicine.

Her office is located in the Christian Community Health Center, 9718 S. Halsted Ave., Chicago, 60628. The office phone number is 773-233-4100.

Annabelle F. Lim, DO, Internal Medicine/Primary Care.

Dr. Lim received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Downers Grove in 1997, and served her residency at Cook County Hospital, Chicago. She is board eligible.

Her office is located at 11250 South Western Ave., Chicago. Her office phone is 773-779-7500.

Library closings

The Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

The Oak Lawn Library will be closed Friday, September 6 for a Staff Inservice Training Day. Library hours: Mon. through Thurs., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Starting on Sept. 15, the library's Sunday hours, 1 to 5 p.m., will resume and continue through mid-May.

August Chamber host announced

TravelBrokers/ Carlson Wagonlit Travel of Homewood will host the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's August Business After Hours at 1956 Ridge Rd. in Homewood on Wed., Aug. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Individuals are invited to enjoy cocktails, refreshments and friendship in a relaxed networking atmosphere while checking out the host's

facility and learning more about its Southland travel-related services.

Admission cost to the BAH, which is open to the business community, is \$5 for Chamber members and \$10 for non-members. Admission fee is payable at the door.

For reservations or more information, contact the Chamber office at 708-957-6950.

Call for artists

Illinois artisans are invited to submit applications for the Illinois Artisans Program. Begun in 1985, the program seeks national and statewide recognition of artisans work made in Illinois.

All areas of original art and craft are eligible including folk, traditional, contemporary, ethnic and fine art forms. Artists are required to submit six to 10 slides and artist's statement for jury review.

An application is required. The deadline for sub-

mission is Sept. 6.

Artists selected will be notified by letter on or before Oct. 15.

Once accepted into the program, artists may take advantage of opportunities to showcase and sell their work in one or more of the four stores located throughout Illinois.

For more information and an application, call 312-814-1794 or send a SASE to Illinois Artisans Program, 100 West Randolph, Suite 4-300, Chicago, 60601.

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Illinoisans enter Senior Hall of Fame

Illinois Department on Aging Director Margo E. Schreiber has announced the names of four inductees into the Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame. They will be inducted in a ceremony to be held at 11 a.m. on "Senior Day," Mon., Aug. 12 at the State Fair Senior Center Auditorium, also known as the Illinois Theatre.

"These individuals are so deserving of this prominent award," said Schreiber. "They have been so generous in sharing their time, talent and energy to make their communities and the state a better place."

Inductees were selected for achievement in the areas of community service, education, performing arts and the work force. They join 51 previous inductees. They are:

Theodore "Double Duty" Radcliffe, 100, of Chicago. The honoree in the Performance Category was a star in the Negro league, playing many championship teams as a pitcher and catcher for 38 years and a manager for 28 years. He still gives motivational speeches to children in inner-city schools and has coached Little League games. He has raised funds for the Boys and Girls Clubs

of Chicago and America, Meals on Wheels, Little League, March of Dimes, and other charities. According to his nomination, Radcliffe's "popular manner has propelled the Negro League into international popularity after being in obscurity." At the beginning of his career, Radcliffe endured bigotry, long road trips and low wages to play baseball. He was colleagues with Satchell Paige and Jackie Robinson and played with Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Ted Williams, and Mickey Mantle. Writer Damon Runyan watched him catch in the first game and pitch the second, and said it was worth the admission of two, hence the nickname, "Double Duty." Radcliffe has survived two strokes and other health problems. A WGN documentary about Radcliffe's life narrated by Morgan Freeman won an Emmy award. He is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the state of Illinois Historical Committee and was honored by Mayor Richard Daley as being an outstanding citizen of Chicago. He has been the guest of three U.S. Presidents at the White

House. Radcliffe holds many sporting records.

Dr. Carmen Joseph Carsello, 85, of Chicago. The honoree in the Education Category received his bachelor's degree from Central YMCA College in 1943, a master's degree from DePaul University in 1971, and a Gerontology certificate and a Guidance and Counseling Certificate from the University of Illinois in 1962. He holds a doctorate in Educational Psychology. He taught at the University of Illinois from 1963 to 1985. He taught physical education in inner-city schools and swimming for the American Red Cross. He has served on the Near West Side Community Committee delinquency prevention program. Carsello, who served two years in the military in the South Pacific earned the World War II Victory Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. He has also received the Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor Award and been named in the Marquis Who's Who in the World. Now retired from teaching, Carsello continues serving as a counselor and mentor to youth and is a strong advocate for senior

citizens.

Ed True, 70, of O'Fallon. True is an honoree in the Community Service Category. He holds a bachelor's degree from Bradley University and two master's degree from the University of Southern California. Working as an adjunct instructor for Southwest Illinois College and St. Louis Community College, he spends extra hours helping struggling students. He has volunteered for the YMCA, United Way, Junior Achievement, Boy Scouts, and the Leukemia Society and Cancer Society. He has also served on local and national boards for the Leukemia Society, Boy Scouts of America, and Senior Olympics. He is past chairman of the Member Service Committee, St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association. He was a member of the O'Fallon District 90 Elementary Board for 17 years. True currently serves as alderman on the O'Fallon City Council. He is also on the board of the O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Bradley University Alumni Association, St. Louis Sports Commission and the Southwest Division Chairman for

the Foreign Country Rotary Exchange High School Students to promote world understanding of different cultures. He has provided and arranged housing for crippled children from Belize during their stay to receive care at Shriner's Hospital. True also competes in Illinois and Missouri Olympics.

Identa Austin, 88, of Yorkville, is also a winner in the Community Service category. Austin has been an advocate for the needs of children, teachers, sick and elderly for over a quarter century. According to her nomination, "as we reminisce about the care and service this one person has given to the citizens of Kendall County, we feel somewhat awed, wondering how one person could have found the time and personal stamina to dedicate herself so abundantly to the service of others. Perhaps her longevity and good health is her reward for a life of selfless service." Austin lead the fight to have a referendum placed on the ballot that provides a percentage of county taxes directed to senior services; the funding has been used to build a large senior center in Yorkville. She has participated in the Silver Haired Congress in Washington,

D.C. and served twice as a Senior Citizen Intern in Washington, D.C. She is a recipient of the Governor's Award for Unique Achievement. She is a longtime active member of the Retired Teacher's Association, American Cancer Society, Yorkville Women's Club, AARP, Kendall County Senior Citizen's Council, Fox Valley Older Adult Services and more. Austin also completed her 67th learning and traveling session as apart of Elderhostel.

The following individuals receive Honorable Mentions for their contribution to their communities:

Yoji Ozaki, 80, of Chicago, is a U.S.-born citizen of Japanese decent who has helped Illinois' immigrants and refugees for over 40 years. He was interned in U.S. concentration camps during World War II. He founded the Chicago Japanese Historical Society. He is a member of the Chicago Senior Hall of Fame.

John Garcia, 71, of Chicago, is an activist within the Hispanic community in south Chicago. He has been very active in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish for over 40 years, raising funds and organizing banquets and events that benefit youth.

Credit seminar

On Aug. 22, LaSalle Bank in Garfield Ridge will sponsor a free seminar, "Understanding our Credit." Attendees can receive a free application for their credit report at the seminar. The seminar will help consumers increase their knowledge of the importance of credit in obtaining loans and other financing.

The seminar will be held on from 6 to 8 p.m. at LaSalle Bank, 6331 West Archer Ave, Chicago. LaSalle Assistant Branch Manager Bill Sifuentes will host the seminar. Topics to be covered in-

clude: basics on how credit bureaus receive information; credit scoring and obtaining financing; and keeping tabs on your credit report. The seminar will include a question-and-answer session. It is free and open to the public but space is limited. Also, reservations are required if attendees wish to receive a free credit report application during the seminar. Refreshments will be served.

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Seniors filling prescriptions abroad

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for pennies on the dollar—until now.

"U.S. seniors are now able to use e-mail to fill their prescriptions abroad according to FDA guidelines," said M.J. McCormick, developer of www.SeniorDrugs.org.

The senior-focused website offers free access to regularly updated interna-

tional precise lists for the 120 most popular brand name prescription drugs. More than 1,300 other generic medications are also available online.

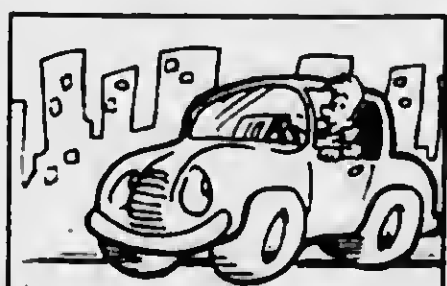
Seniors are able to compare their current prescription costs with the same medications when mail-ordered from abroad.

More information and complete ordering information is available to seniors online by visiting www.SeniorDrugs.org.

Stroke screening

The Village of Worth will host an arterial brachy index screening, commonly known as a stroke screening on Mon., Sept. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Village Hall, 7112 W. 111th St. Medical personnel from Western Suburban Cardiologists will calculate a number for you based on two blood pressure readings that describes how well the blood is flowing through the arteries. The tests are non-invasive, completely painless, take only a few minutes, and are free.

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Moraine to offer pharmacy technician program

Moraine Valley Community College will offer a preparatory class for those interested in a career as a pharmacy technician.

The 15-week course will meet on Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 28, from 6 to 10 p.m. The class will take place in Building D, Room 116, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The course will also be offered on Saturday mornings, beginning Aug. 31 from 8 a.m. to noon. The class will take place in the newly remodeled Fogelson Theatre, located in the college's Center for Con-

temporary Technology.

The cost of the class is \$700 and includes all student materials. Students who enroll in the class by Aug. 23 will receive a \$100 discount.

This is a 60-hour course that will provide basic knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of the pharmacy technicians, the multitude of pharmacy practice settings, and the laws governing the practice of pharmacy. A licensed pharmacist will teach the recently revamped course.

Students will learn about pharmacy abbreviations,

weights and measurements, and medical terminology. In addition, the top-100 prescription drugs, common disease states, and drug references will be introduced. Practice settings for computer prescription entry, drug dispensing, aseptic technique, and intravenous admixture will also be provided. The instructor will also provide students will essential job search techniques.

Required skills include fluency in English, basic math skills, and computer competency. No previous pharmacy experience is needed.

"The pharmacy technician is an integral part of the pharmacy team, and the demand for pharmacy technicians is growing rapidly," said Linda Strelezyk, instructional coordinator for Continuing Edu-

cation Health Programs at Moraine Valley. "Due to increased pharmacy use, more retail outlets are hiring pharmacy technicians to handle a wide variety of tasks, allowing pharmacists more time to fill prescriptions. There are a vast number of opportunities available in a range of diverse environments."

In addition to the pharmacy technicians preparatory class, Moraine Valley will offer a pharmacy technicians certification class to prepare pharmacy technician students for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam in spring 2003. When students pass the exam, they will receive certification from the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

For more information, call Linda Strelezyk at 708-974-5456, or e-mail her at strelezyk@morainevalley.edu.

Moraine to hold select classes at Century

Moraine Valley Community College's commitment to providing educational opportunities for students of all ages has led to the establishment of a center at Century Junior High School in Orland Park.

Moraine Valley will offer off-campus access to degree and certificate programs, credit and non-credit courses for personal and professional development, and programs for children and teens at Century. The college will also provide staff development training for employees of the district, as well as summer camps and other programming for students of the district.

Located at 10801 W. 159th St. in Orland Park, Century will provide Moraine Valley 10 classroom spaces- including traditional classrooms, the art rooms, and the Media Center- to offer a variety of transfer level courses and non-credit programming.

"We are experiencing tremendous growth (of population) in the southwest sector of our district," said Nancy

Cure, dean of the Enrichment Programs and Services at Moraine Valley. "We are opening at Century to provide a convenient option for folks in that part of the district to take classes at Moraine Valley. We look forward to this new partnership with Orland School District 135."

Moraine Valley classes will be scheduled on Tues. and Thurs. evening from 6 to 10 p.m. For the fall 2002 semester, credit classes will begin the week of Sept. 1 and end the week of Dec. 8. Classes offered for the fall 2002 semester include Introduction to Business, Developmental Mathematics, Quantitative Literacy, College Algebra (Functions), Child Psychology, and General Sociology.

Registration is underway for courses at Century. Classes will begin the week of Aug. 26. On-campus classes will begin the week of Aug. 19 at Moraine Valley, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Tuition is \$51 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Free children's speech screenings

August is Back-to-School Month... is your child ready?

Speech and language skills are essential to learning. As children grow and develop, they learn how and why communication is so important.

A recent study of 240 patients over a 24-year span

concluded that children who showed signs of speech impediments at age 5 were more likely to have communication disorders at age 19. If treatment isn't received early on, these children are more likely to shy away from social or public activities.

Besides lowering self es-

teem, this could have negative impact on relationships and career possibilities.

Scrtoma Speech and Hearing Center is offering Free back-to-school speech screenings for all children 3 and older.

If you suspect a speech/ language problem, call and

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Brother Rice High School, 1001 S. Pulaski Road., Chicago, will host an alumni tennis tournament Sunday, August 25 at 12 p.m.

(Rain location - Evergreen Bath and Tennis 2700 W. 91st Street). All Brother Rice alumni and friends of the school are invited to play in the tournament. There will be food and beverages and a free

gift for all participants. Prizes will be awarded for top finishers. For more information, call Marty Grogan at 773-779-3410, ext. 373.

Brother Rice Breaks ground on fitness center



Brother Rice breaks ground of fitness center Brother Rice High School broke new ground on a new 3,200-square foot fitness center July 31. The Rev. Mark Walter from Holy Redeemer Church in Evergreen Park, also a faculty member at Brother Rice, blessed the site. School President Br. Karl Walczak, Principal James Antos and dignitaries such as state Rep. James Brosnahan (D-36th), 19th Ward Ald. Virginia Rugia and Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton were on hand for the occasion.

Illinois tourism up in 2001

Even as the U.S. travel industry was rocked by economic recession and terror in 2001, the state of Illinois was quietly playing host to a record-setting number of visitors.

A surprising new report from D.K. Shifflet & Associates, a widely recognized tracker or tourism trends, shows that Illinois welcomed 85 million visitors last year, a 7 percent increase from the previous record of 80.1 million in 2000.

Leisure travel to and within Illinois climbed 10 percent while business travel was up three percent, even as national leisure travel increased just three percent and business travel fell seven percent. Illinois remained the 10th most-visited state and the fifth most-visited state for business travel.

Why did visitor numbers in Illinois so far outpace the national average? And why didn't that large increase in travel activity translate into more economic impact? Although our state had a healthy increase in visitors, newly revised numbers from

the U.S. Travel Data Center showed total domestic travel spending in Illinois fell 5.2 percent to \$20.8 billion in 2001, down from \$20.9 billion in the banner year of 2000.

The answers to both of those questions lie in four distinct travel trends that began evolving in the days following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Many Americans felt a strong need to connect with family.

Inundated by discount offers, they became serious value-shoppers when booking travel arrangements.

Faced with longer waits and more hurdles at airports, they chose to drive.

They chose destinations closer to home.

In short, people traveled willingly in 2001, even post-9/11, but they were far more protective of their pocketbooks. So even as our state welcomed far more visitors, spending in Illinois fell for the first time since 1993, with travelers spending an average of \$113.40 per day, compared with \$115.50 the previous

year. Leisure spending dropped from \$90.90 to \$86.30 while business spending climbed slightly, from \$164.80 to \$167.00.

Travelers cut costs on many fronts. Both leisure and business travelers took shorter trips. More business travelers doubled up in hotel rooms, and all travelers took advantage of hotel discounts. When they did fly, many chose discount fares. But many chose to drive, rather than fly.

Shifflet, in fact, found that travelers nationally expressed a willingness to drive nearly twice as far as in years past— from three to four hours to seven to eight hours— to avoid the "hassle factor" of flying.

In Illinois, we also saw a strong increase in "VFR"—visiting friends and relatives. VFR-related travel in Illinois jumped from 47 to 52 percent, well above the national average of 39 percent. The large majority of those travelers stayed in private homes, with only 13 percent staying in hotels.

We benefited from a marked increase in travel within Illinois, with a 23 percent increase in resident travel offsetting a five percent decline in non-resident travel.

Altogether, in-state travel accounted for 39 percent of all Illinois tourism, up from 33 percent last year.

But with many of those travelers engaging in day trips and visits to family. We saw a fall-off in the number of activities our travelers enjoyed, also contributing to the decline in spending.

Nevertheless, Shifflet found a number of positives in Illinois' performance, concluding, "in arguably one of the most difficult travel years on record, Illinois tourism not only survived, but prospered."

They noted that changes in the marketing program initiated after 9/11—urging travelers to "make every minute count," creating value and marketing close to home—seemed to work. They also lauded IBOT's new synergy with Chicago tourism partners, nothing that "as goes Chicago, so goes Illinois," and predicted that IBOT's leadership in creating "Illinois Now!" magazine would pay dividends in increased travel.

Strong visitorship throughout last year, although offset somewhat by value-conscious travelers, made Illinois a share-winner in 2001.

Library community information centers

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, has several Community Information Centers that offer local groups, organizations and individuals the opportunity to display or distribute posters, flyers, brochures, newsletters, and other publications.

Those interested in placement should leave their materials at the library's reception booth, first floor, or mail items to: Oak Lawn Public Library Attn: Public Relations Office, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, 60453.

All materials must be pre-approved by the Public Relations Office. Items are posted on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference is given to local organizations or events. Material posted or

left in the public area without approval will be discarded.

Library Board policy prohibits posting or distribution of the following: any materials with advocate the election or defeat of a candidate for public office or which advocate affirmative or negative votes concerning any political propositional any advertisement or receptacle which solicits monetary donations or advocates or solicits consideration of any product or service sold by any business, charitable enterprise or individual, and advertisement or material for the purpose of employee recruitment.

For more information on the information centers, contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer at 708-422-4990.

Antique program

Rex Newell of Rex's Antiques will present his popular version of the antique road show at the Evergreen

Park Public Library on Tues., Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. Newell will appraise one item for each of the first 40 people to register. Space is limited so the program is open to Evergreen Park residents only. Register early at the library or by phone at 422-8522.

(Mortimer) and Henry Odum (Henry/ Hucklebee). Except for Pries and Odum, this production marks Pegasus Players stage debuts for all of the actors. Pries is returning after a 15-year hiatus with the company, having first appeared at Pegasus Players as Joe Josephson in the Jeff Citation winning "Merrily We Roll Along" and then again as Sipos in "She Loves Me," while Odum most recently appeared at Pegasus Players in the world premiere of "Muscle" last spring, and performed in "Schlemiel the First" in 2000.

The production utilizes all of the props and costumes and most of the set from the recent national tour of the show. The creative team includes Denise Karczewski as lighting designer and Cynthia Stevens as musical director.

The performance schedule for "The Fantasticks" is as follows: Thurs., Fri., and Sat. evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Preview performances will be held Sept. 7, 10 and 12 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 8 at 3 p.m.

Single tickets, priced from \$23 to \$25 for regular performances, are now on sale at the Pegasus Players box office by calling 773-878-9761.

For more information, call 773-878-9761.

World ice team champions

The Crystals, an adult synchronized formation ice team based in Oak Lawn, recently captured the gold medal at the 22nd Annual Ice Skating Institute World Recreational Team Championships, held on Sat., Aug. 3 in Marlborough, Mass. The team— which has been participating in competitions since 1992— took first place over five other teams with its routine, "Hello Dolly International," skating in velvet cos-

tumes made by Happy Felber of Orland Park.

Team participants were: Nancy Aanerud of Alsip, Cheryl Adam of Orland Park, Christina Bock of Oak Lawn, Sandy Bock of Oak Lawn, Pat Collins of Oak Lawn, Barbara Foley of Orland Park, Trudy Grauzas of Mokena, Clara Hoevel of Riverdale, and Jolene Ryan of Chicago. The team, whose members' ages range from teen to senior, is coached by Christine Morris of Woodridge. Crystal members who did not participate in the competition are Sandy Gardner of Frankfort and Jan Voogd of Glen Ellyn. The Crystal's home ice is the Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton.

Judge Hopkins speaks before N.A.R.F.E.

The Honorable Judge Vanessa A. Hopkins of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, #1106, Wednesday, August 21 at 10:15 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Municipal building, 9446 S. Raymond, Oak Lawn.

John Altar, coordinator, announced that Judge Hopkins will share her expertise on the court system.

Judge Hopkins is presently assigned to Municipal, District 1 at the Richard J. Daley Center.

The Fantasticks kick off theatre season

Pegasus Players kicks off its 2002-2003 season with one of the most beloved musicals in theatre history, "The Fantasticks," by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. Under the direction of James Harms, "The Fantasticks" begins performances at Pegasus Players, 1145 W. Wilson Ave, Sept. 7 and continues through Oct. 20. Immediately following its run in Chicago, Pegasus Players will tour the production of "The Fantasticks" i Egypt.

Originally titled "Joy Comes to Dead Horse" and introduced at the Sullivan Street Playhouse in Greenwich Village on May 3, 1960, "The Fantasticks" is an age-old tale of youth, love and gardening. The cast of characters includes a boy, a girl, two fathers and a wall. As he delightful comedy unfolds, we watch the starry-eyed boy and girl next door fall in love, go their separate ways as they yearn to discover the outside world and then reunite, opting instead for fulfillment and safety in each other's arms. With well-known ballads including "Try to Remember" and "I Can See It," "The Fantasticks" has

earned the distinction of longest running musical in the world.

The staging of this production at Pegasus Players is particularly timely as "The Fantasticks" closed in New York on Jan. 13, having played 17,162 times over 42 years, and Lore Noto, the producer who first brought "The Fantasticks" to the Sullivan Street Playhouse and continues to produce (and perform in, for a 16 year period) the production through its final curtain call, passed away last month.

Chicago director James Harms is no stranger to "The Fantasticks," or to Jones and Schmidt. In 1976, Harms received his first of six Jefferson Awards for the part of Henry in "The Fantasticks," and in 1990 he worked with the pair on the 30th Anniversary Tour, starring Robert Goulet.

Starring in "The Fantasticks" are Ben Cohen (Matt), Marci Medwed (Luisa), Bob Pries (Hucklebee), William Bannon (Bellomy), Dan Zakarija (El Gallo), Ithamar Enriquez Jr. (Mute), Rus Rinear

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Property revaluations to impact businesses

This year's expected high reassessments of properties in the south and west suburbs of Cook County will have a negative impact on area commercial and industrial taxpayers. As a result, many businesses will be facing the option of either staying and appealing their revaluations or leaving the county.

"The Assessor has already begun mailing assessment notices," said Terry Ennes of Ennes & Associates, one of the Chicago area's foremost property tax consulting firms. "Typically, the assessments of commercial and industrial properties have been increasing from 25 to 45 percent. However, we have already seen increases as high as 66 percent. This means the businesses in the south and west suburbs of Cook County should expect similar increases in their property tax bills, if there are no reductions in tax rates."

Commercial taxpayers in Cook County are already paying some of the highest real estate taxes in the nation. Furthermore, the south and west suburbs have the highest tax

rates in the county. Suburbs like Harvey, Markham and Homewood are being taxed at 14 and 15 percent, as compared to rates in the northern suburbs of around seven percent.

"Many businesses have left the south and west suburbs because of the increasing property assessments and tax rates," said Ennes. "This was very evident after the last triennial property reassessments in 1999. The fewer remaining businesses have been faced with paying more of the tax burden. It becomes a vicious cycle, and the upcoming high reassessments may force more businesses to consider leaving."

Businesses facing higher property taxes need to know that they have some recourse. Assessments can be appealed, based on a property's fair market value, its equity with other assessments and vacancy, among other things. Taxpayers have 45 days (after receiving their assessment notice) to file a complaint with the Assessor's office. It's important for property taxpayers to conduct a review of their as-

essment and file any appeal before the deadline expires.

It makes good business sense to go through the appeal process, according to Ennes. "For the last property reassessment in the north and northwest suburbs, 90 percent of the properties that we reviewed were appealed, and 93 percent of these received tax relief—a reduction in their property taxes. Over the past 12 years, businesses we've served have saved an average of \$28,000 per year as a result of appealing their property tax valuation. For some of these, it's been the difference between staying in business and closing their doors."

"This is the time for business taxpayers in the south and west suburbs to act. The option that makes the most sense is for businesses to have their property reassessments reviewed by a professional to determine if an appeal can be successful. Winning an appeal can make a big difference in bottom line results for a business. And, this could also keep them as a taxpaying member of the county."

Ennes & Associates, based in Arlington Heights, provides a broad spectrum of Ad Valorem tax consulting services aimed at controlling companies' property tax expenses, thus conserving their assets.

degree program in electronics and computer technology is also available. DeVry University offers bachelor's and master's degree programs in business, technology and management. More than 56,000 students in 18 states and two Canadian provinces are enrolled at its 25 undergraduate campuses and 35 adult learning centers.

For information, contact the DeVry admissions office at 773-929-8500 or www.chi.devry.edu.

Beverly Montessori School would also like to request that if any alumni have children who attended the school that they send a photograph of themselves with the child/children. All pictures should be sent to Beverly Montessori School c/o Linda Budewitz at 9916 S. Walden Parkway, Chicago, 60643.

The fundraiser will include a silent auction. More information will be available closer to the actual date. Questions about the collage should be directed at 773-239-7635.

Call for information regarding enrollment or to set up an observation appointment.

Colorado blue spruce tree giveaway

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during Aug. 2002.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees-for-America campaign.

"Colorado blue spruces were selected for this campaign because of their many uses in the home landscape," said John Rosenow, the Foundation's president. "They lend beauty to their surroundings with their silver

blue-green color and compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornaments, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and "The Tree Book," with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31, or join online at www.arborday.org.

State events

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library is on track to open Nov. 18—nearly 140 years to the date after Lincoln delivered the famous Gettysburg Address—with an exciting ceremony. The Lincoln Presidential Library is the first building to be complete within the new

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum complete. Keep watching for additional details as the opening date approaches.

The 2003 Illinois Governor's Conference on Tourism will be held Mar. 3 to 5, 2003, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

Mt. Greenwood celebrates 95 years

The 95th anniversary of Mt. Greenwood's incorporation as a village is right around the corner. To celebrate the special event the Mt. Greenwood Alliance Group is holding the 6th annual "Party in the Park" on Sat., Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3715 W. 11th St.

The celebration will include crafters, merchants, food vendors, and entertainment for the whole family. Entertainment will feature the Rode Productions performance of "Chicago: Her Streets and Her People" at 2 p.m. in the park field house. At the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society booth, copies of the 95th Anniversary Booklet containing photographs and personal memories of Mt. Greenwood are available. For information on the "Party in the Park," contact Darlene at 773-238-6103. E-mail Janet McBride about the 95th anniversary booklet at mtghistorical@yahoo.com

DeVry open house

An open house regarding career opportunities in technology-based business and electronics fields is scheduled for Sat., Aug. 24, at DeVry University's Chicago campus, 3300 North Campbell Ave. A tour will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a presentation at 11 a.m. The seminar will include a film on technology-based fields as well as several discussion sessions, during which DeVry representatives

will answer questions on technology career opportunities and DeVry curricula financial aid and career services. DeVry/Chicago offers bachelor's degree programs in electronics engineering technology, computer engineering technology, computer information systems, telecommunications management, technical management, business administration and information technology. An associate

Marist Laetare medal recipients named

Brother Richard Carey, FMS, president of Marist High School, will bestow the prestigious Laetare Medal to five long-time Marist associates at a celebration dinner on Nov. 16. Honorees for this year's ceremony are Chris Fusco, '90, of Glen Ellyn; Dan Garvey, Chicago; Brother Hank Hammer, FMS, Chicago; John Mortimer, '72, Lockport; and Mark Mucha, '90, posthumous. Recipients are selected based on their commitment to their faith, support of Marist, presence as a community role model, and dedi-

cation to excellence in education.

The Laetare Medal Dinner, a biennial event, raises money for the Montagne Project. The Montagne Project continues the vision of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brother, by providing the opportunity for a Marist education to qualified students regardless of their economic status. The program gives families an educational choice. Currently, over 20 students are enrolled in the program. The goal is to increase the enrollment to 40

participants.

Laetare, Latin for "re-joice," truly describes the spirit of the celebration. The 2002 beneficiaries of Marist High School's most distinguished award will gather at the Drake Hotel on Nov. 16 to receive their honor. To attend the Laetare Medal Dinner or support the event, contact Katie Wernert, director of Annual Giving, at 773-881-6360 ext. 5378 or e-mail kate@marist.net. Tickets are \$150 per person and seating is limited.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a private Catholic school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the suburbs.

Montessori honors alumni at fundraiser

Beverly Montessori School will be celebrating its 35-year anniversary in 2002. In honor of the special accomplishment, Beverly Montessori School will host its annual fundraiser on Fri., Nov. 15 at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and Conference Centre.

Beverly Montessori School would like to acknowledge alumni and their children who have attended the school by creating a collage of pictures that will be displayed at the fundraiser.

Anyone who has attended Beverly Montessori School and would like to participate in the collage should send two non-returnable, snapshot-size photographs, one of age three to six years and one from the present time, including a name and a one-line biography of what he/she is doing now.

This could be grammar school, high school, or college information, marriage, children, occupation, or any other facts one would like to include.

Golf outing for De La Salle

De La Salle Institute will be hosting the 10th annual George W. Shinnick Jr. Memorial Golf Outing on Sept. 27 at Cardinal Creek Golf Course, 615 Dixie Highway in Beecher, Ill.

Participants will not only be able to play golf, but they will also be helping out the students at De La Salle.

The annual George W.

Shinnick Jr. Memorial Golf Outing is the only means of fundraising for the George W. Shinnick Jr. Scholarship Fund of De La Salle Institute.

The George W. Shinnick Jr. Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance annually in the form of eight scholarships to De La Salle students.

By attending the golf outing, participants not only support Catholic education, but they can also enjoy a day golfing with friends.

For more information or sponsorship details, contact De La Salle's Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Maryann Svetleic at 312-842-7355 ext. 146.

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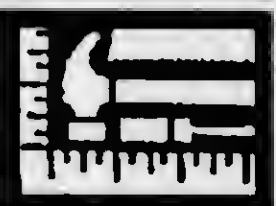
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is a personal finance guide geared specifically to the 33.2 million city-dwelling single women across the United States.

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According to the Car Care Council, an organization that has been promoting the car maintenance message for more than 30 years, car neglect is responsible for nearly 2,600 deaths, 100,000 disabling injuries and more than \$2 billion lost each year. In an effort to reduce car neglect and these staggering statistics, NASCAR legend Richard Petty and the Car Care Council are joining forces to educate Americans on the importance of proper engine maintenance with the "All 3 Every 3" program. Designed by Petty and his crew chiefs, the engine maintenance program recommends three steps every 3,000 miles:

(1) Change Your Oil. The additives in motor oil become depleted as oil accumulates mileage. When motor oil loses its protective additives, your engine can suffer damage to the bearings, cylinders, camshaft and valve train.

(2) Clean Your Fuel Injectors. Just as your oil gets dirty after 3,000 miles, so does your fuel intake system. However, if you clean your fuel injectors every time you change your oil, you will keep your fuel intake system clean and running efficiently.



There are numerous safety and financial reasons car owners need to value automobiles as an investment, rather than just a means of transportation.

(3) Check Your Belts, Hoses and Fluids. Check for cracks in belts and soft spots on hoses. By not replacing belts and hoses when these conditions exist, you risk breakdowns and costly damage to your engine. Also, check fluid levels. Fluids can evaporate, leak or deteriorate and need to be checked regularly.

"People have gotten away

from performing regular maintenance on their cars," said Petty.

"By partnering with Petty and supporting the All 3 Every 3 program, we have the opportunity to get our message out to an even greater audience and continue to show America that car maintenance is vital to their safety and financial well-being," says Donna Wagner, president of the Car Care Council.

To help further educate car owners about the importance of car maintenance, Petty has launched all3every3.com.

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Final plea for Oak Lawn area host families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive very soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

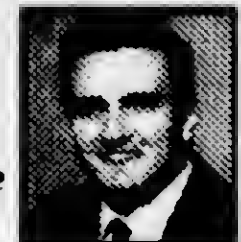
According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money,

carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

John Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and

hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Oak Lawn area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.



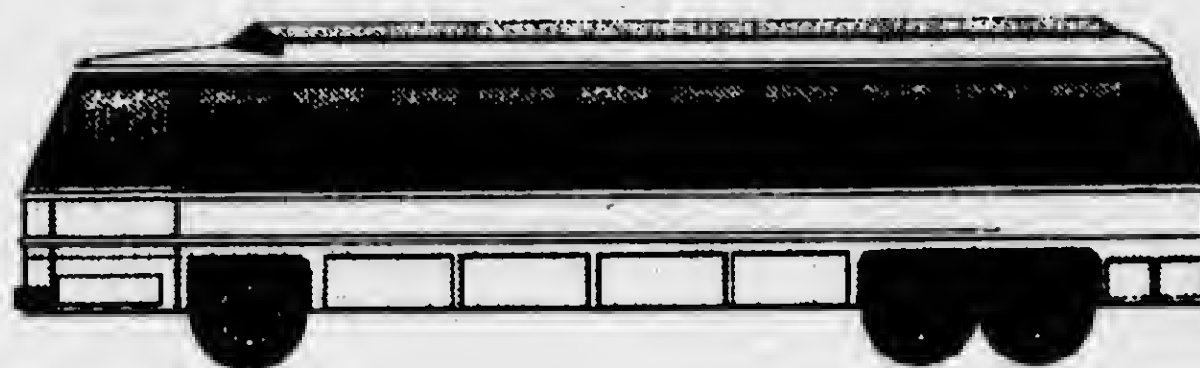
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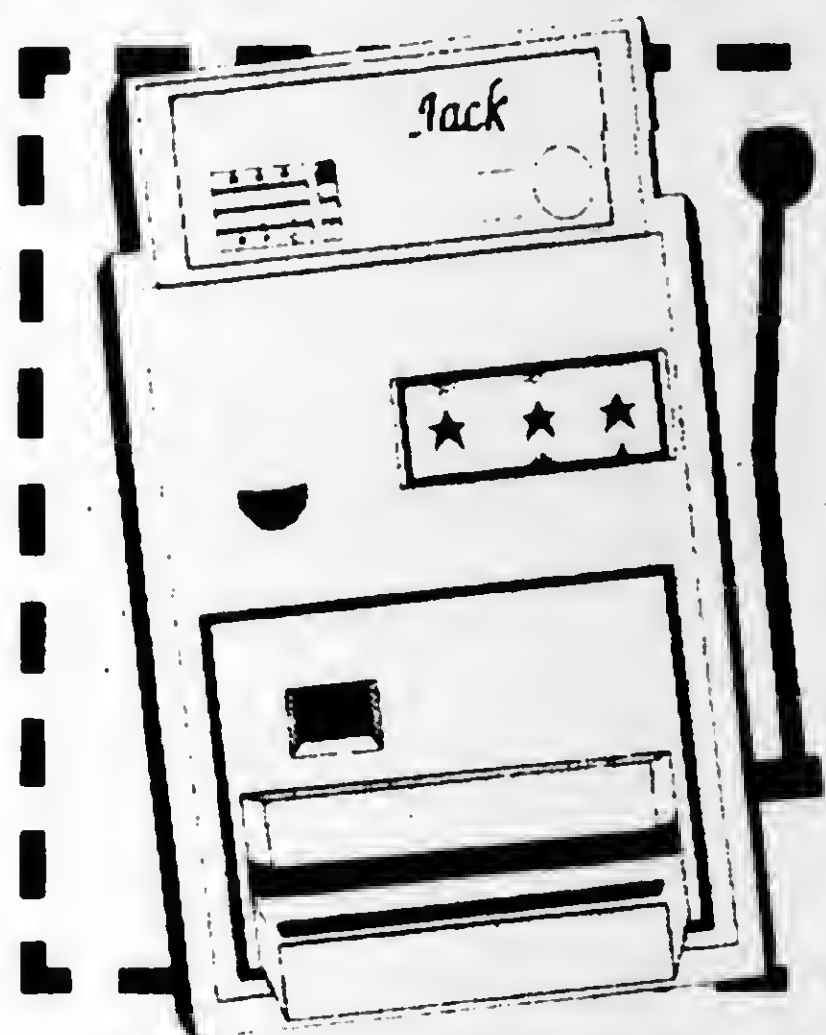
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Oak Forest residents resist insurance coverage for elected officials

By JudeCoyle

On August 13, the Oak Forest City Council discussed an ordinance that would provide life and health insurance to elected officials. Eleven individuals, including mayor, clerk and aldermen would qualify.

"I've appointed more aldermen than any other mayor," said Mayor Patrick Gordon. He went on to describe how today's busy schedules have become a stumbling block, limiting the number of individuals willing to take on the extra responsibilities required of aldermen. He hoped that offering insurance would attract qualified people.

The affect on the budget, Gordon explained, would be infinitesimal. The first to be covered would be the aldermen from wards 1, 3, 5, and 7, and would not become effective until after the April '03 municipal election. The others eligible would receive coverage after the '05 election.

Alderman Belinda Olszewski asked for clarification. This

coverage would not be offered to those appointed to positions, that only the eleven people Mayor Gordon eluded to earlier would receive coverage? She then pointed out that if eleven people took family coverage at \$800 a month, it could add up to a substantial amount. "Where are we going to get the money when we tell employees we don't have money for other things?" She objected further saying "There are residents who don't have insurance, and can't afford it... I don't need any perks."

Controller Colleen Julian researched which towns offer insurance coverage to elected officials. South Holland, Steger, Riverdale and Tinley Park do, and Orland Park offers it cost free. The City currently offers four plans. Phased in over several years, it will not become a budget issue for 4 years. That is assuming people participate.

Alderman Wecket wanted to know how premiums would be

affected if two people had medical problems. Treasurer Dwayne Fox wanted to know what increases to expect considering escalating hospital costs.

Controller Julian tried to explain. Insurance rates are determined by the number of claims paid out in earlier years and not by health issues of those seeking coverage. Could she guarantee the cost of coverage wouldn't rise next year or the year after? No. She preferred an insurance specialist answer that question. With 118 full time employees though, eleven more would add an inconsequential amount.

Alderman Simon pointed out that Aldermen had lost their expense accounts. Although they did receive a small pay raise, it didn't cover the loss. And Oak Forest doesn't pay as much as other towns. Is it possible, he asked, to place a standard on the coverage? The City would pay say \$800 a month, and elected officials would pay the rest if costs in-

crease? Attorney Nar-ko felt that it would be hard to pass on an increase because coverage would be tied to municipal elections.

With so many questions still to be answered, Alderman Swartz moved to table the issue. Other aldermen agreed.

Knowing it was tabled and that officials could not legally answer questions, audience members expressed their opinions. William Nagel, head of the Park Board, felt insurance was unethical and meant for fulltime employees. The City needed to worry about upcoming negotiations with the police union and providing coverage to retirees.

Don Sinowek agreed that Council members put in a lot of hours. But they knew what they were getting into. Park District and School Board Members don't get paid, and don't receive insurance. And if all eleven individuals take family coverage, at \$800 a month, premiums will increase by over \$100,000 annually.

Mrs. Clevenger asked whose idea this was. Mayor Gordon chided her for not paying attention. He covered that at the beginning. She then instructed him to look around. There were people present who

had asked for a street light to be installed a year and a half earlier. Streets are in poor shape, Boca Ditch needs work, and Public Works is short handed. "Why," she asked, "Would you want to take taxpayers money for this when the City is so short of money?"

Former Alderman JoAnn Kelly asked a rhetorical question. "Why should your friends and neighbors subsidize your health insurance?" Aldermen received a \$1000 raise and lost a \$600 expense account. "It is a privilege to represent the people of this community. Elected officials should not be in office for the benefits.

Also of note, William Coyle had been promised a street light would be in place on his corner no later than that day. It still wasn't there. Why?

John Stanley from Public Works replied that the City didn't have a contractor yet. Bids were open, but the contract hadn't been awarded. Once that was done, ComEd contacted, and the JULIE notified, the light would go in.

The Ground Zero Flag Tour will stop in Oak Forest during the week of August 25th. Residents are invited to see the Ground Zero Flag at City

Hall, and sign another flag that will be sent to New York. The autographed flag will be displayed in a New York Fire Station.

Remembrance ceremonies will be held on September 10th and 11th. The ceremony on the 10th will be held outside of City Hall just prior to the Council Meeting at 8PM.

The ceremony on the 11th will be held outside the Fire Station on Central. At 8:45AM, the time when the first call came in, a fire truck will leave the Station. Three bells will signal shift change. The names of firefighters, police officers and Port Authority officers who lost their lives in the collapse of the Twin Towers will be read. The ceremony will end at approximately 10:30.

The City acknowledged receiving a site plan for a commuter parking lot at 15543 Lamon Avenue. The lot would have 92 spaces. James A. Malacky of Malacky Builders submitted them. The plans will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission before City Council approves them.

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Since we cannot know all that is to be known of everything, we ought to know a little about everything.

—Blaise Pascal
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August 20, 2002

Highlights from CR

by Jude Coyle

On August 6, Mayor Eugene Siegel announced that the CPI Refuse Collection Service would increase their service fees by .09%. "The Village," Mayor Siegel said, "Will absorb the cost."

The Chicago Ridge Village Board approved a resolution declaring September 28, Children's Cultural Health and Safety Day. Moraine Valley Community College will host their Annual Kid's Day then.

The Board approved a request from the Jensen family to use the gazebo in the front of the Village Hall on 9/21. The gazebo will serve as the setting for a wedding ceremony.

The following business licenses were approved:

Taste of Chicago Maxwell Street, 6058 W. 111th, (formerly Shorty's).

Ridgeland Family Chiropractic, 9830 S. Ridgeland.

Chief Timothy Balderman swore in Dennis Kapelinski as Commander. Commander Kapelinski began his career in Chicago Ridge in December '91.

The Board took up a discussion of an ordinance pertaining to pooling water. Currently the ordinance refers to standing water, whether by natural or artificial means, shall not remain standing no more than ten consecutive days.

Board members expressed concern that the built by residents out of code. Most ponds, it was noted, have recirculating water. With that in mind, it was agreed to refer the existing ordinance to Attorney George Witous so that it can be amended.

Mayor Siegel excused himself early, saying he wanted to visit his daughter and newest granddaughter. The baby came the day before.

Attorney Witous closed the meeting with his report. Simply, the Village will refinance general obligation bonds that were sold to finance the continuing street program. Refinancing will save the Village about \$400,000 over the life of the loan.

A public hearing will be held on September 26, at 2PM, in the Village Board Chambers. This is concerning the amended TIF District plans to expand the intersection at 103rd and Southwest Highway.

When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.
—Henry J. Kaiser



State Representative James Brosnahan (D-36, Evergreen Park) recently visited Children's Memorial Hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). Children's PICU is one of the busiest in the area, treating the most critically ill children. Children's Memorial Hospital is one of the top ten pediatric hospitals in the country according to U.S. News & World Report.

Pictured l to r: Representative Brosnahan, 8 year-old Kiana Velasquez, Children's Memorial Hospital CEO Patrick Magoon

The Arts in Assisi

After an entire year of planning, 23 pilgrims left O'Hare on May 17 for two weeks in Assisi, Italy. The purpose of this pilgrimage was three-fold: to present three concerts as part of the mission, to raise money for the ministry of Chiesa Nuova and to steep the pilgrims in the sights, history and spiritual richness of the legacy of Francis and Clare.

The concerts were performed in Sala Norsa of the Basilica

of St. Francis, in the church of Santa Maria Maggiore and in Sala Sant' Antonio of Chiesa Nuova. The musicians presented the world premiere of Fr. Bob Hutmacher's 30 minute cantata, *Dialog Between Francis and Clare*. Each venue was filled to capacity with townspeople and visitors from around the world, to hear a wide variety of both choral and instrumental pieces with piano, organ, flute, clarinet and harp; each program was different.

be available on video tape.

Along with the concert, the two weeks included free days for travel or "Umbrian absorption", hours for exploring and private prayer.

It's hard to put into words what the pilgrims experienced, but all feel truly blessed.

Evergreen Park's, Denise La Giglia and Marge Nykasa are both married with children and grandchildren. Denise works at IPS Loyola and Marge, who taught at Brother Rice High School, now works in a Prison Ministry.



Betty Kenny of Worth (center) received congratulations on her retirement by Moraine Valley president Dr. Vernon O. Crawley and Mary Nolan, member of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees, during the college's staff recognition dinner. Kenny, a payroll clerk in Accounting/Finance, began at the college in 1982.

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September 3, 2002

Local businesses recognized

The Village of Oak Lawn recognized three local businesses at the August Business Development meeting.

B.J. McMahon's at 5432 W. 95th Street, owned by Roger and Jan Benson, was awarded a Business Beautification Award for the renovation of the exterior and interior of this establishment.

The Goal Post, 5259 W. 95th Street, owned by Joe and Maureen Duffy, was also awarded a Business Beautification Award for renovating the rear of the building and installing a new private party room.

Papa Joe's Restaurant, 10745 S. Cicero, was honored by the Commission for its longevity. Papa Joe's,

owned by Frank Agate, has been a favorite eating place for 20 years.

"The Village of Oak Lawn is very supportive of those businesses that continually strive to improve their appearance and service", stated Business Development Commissioner, Trustee Steven Rosenbaum.

The Business Development Commission meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall Auditorium on the second floor.

Music with our Friends

An Evening of Music with our Friends'. Organists Betty Aardema and Marge Nykaza will be featured.

The concert will be held on Saturday September 21, 2002, at 6 PM, 5570 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn. R.S.V.P. 708/425-0500.

BPW offers public speaking

District 2 of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW) will offer a six-week public speaking course for women starting Wednesday, September 11 at 7 to 9 p.m. in the community room of Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 95th Street and Central Ave., in Oak Lawn. Participation is open to members and nonmembers of BPW at a cost of \$15.00 for the series. To register, call Gaile Sprissler, facilitator, at 773-779-7664.



The Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary along with Mary Jo May, Executive Director, Sheila Lamb Gabler, Auxiliary General Chairperson and Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M. Chairperson of the Hospital Board and Auxiliary Honorary Chairperson welcome the Village of Evergreen Park, Mayor Jim Sexton, as an honorary member of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will host their Membership Kickoff Celebration on September 12th. Call the Auxiliary office at 708-229-5447 for further details and to make your reservations.

The historic Alderwood Group to commemorate September 11th

by Jude Coyle

Lincoln, Oak Ridge and Beverly Cemeteries in Chicago are holding concurrent memorial ceremonies on Saturday, September 7th at 1:00 PM. All three cemeteries, which are located on Kedzie, between 119th and 123rd, will dedicate a memorial to the memory of those lost in the actions of September 11th. Part of the ceremony will include an aerial salute.

Each monument will be slightly different, and will have different inscriptions. One will say "United we Stand". Another is "We will never forget." Yet another will say "Some gave all, all gave some."

Also during the ceremonies, plaques will be presented to neighboring municipalities. At Beverly Cemetery,

Mayor Pro Tem Chris 'Columbus' Disabato will accept on behalf of the City of Blue Island. Mayor Irene Brody will accept a plaque at Lincoln Cemetery on behalf of the Village of Robbins.

Also at Lincoln, Mr. Tyrone Haymore of the Robbins Historical Society will act as Minister of Ceremonies. "There is a man who lives in Robbins," Myrtis Taylor, Family Services Manager for all three cemeteries explained, "Who lost his sister during the incidents of 9/11. So we have a local connection."

She expressed disappointment. As of yet a decision hadn't been reached on who to present a plaque to at Oak Ridge Cemetery. She had contacted Marionette Park, Alsip and Crestwood, only to

find that those mayors were tied up.

"These are nice plaques," Ms. Taylor said. "They are big; 36"x48". And they are nice." They are being donated by Alderwood Group, which is the company who owns all three cemeteries.

Monuments were purchased by money made through business donations and by families who have loved ones at those locations.

All three cemeteries are old, and can claim an important link to the history of the South suburbs. The land where all three are located was purchased in 1902. Beverly opened in 1920 and Oak Hill in 1902.

Lincoln opened in 1911, and was the first cemetery to bury African Americans.

Many famous names from

the jazz world are there. Other notables include former Illinois State Laureate, poet Gwendolyn Brooks, Mayor Harold Washington's father, and the first African American woman to become a pilot, Bessie Coleman.

Ms. Coleman's accomplishments are celebrated each April with a fly-by of fellow pilots. This April will be special as it also commemorates the Wright Brothers, and the 100th anniversary of the first flight at Kitty Hawk.

Another cemetery in the Alderwood Group, is Oak Woods Cemetery at 67th and Cottage Grove. On Tuesday, September 3, at 11:00 AM, a ceremony to commemorate the passing of William 'Big Bill' Craig. Mr. Craig was the first United States Secret Ser-

vice Operative to be killed in the line of duty.

On September 3, 1902, Agent Craig accompanied President Theodore Roosevelt to Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He died as the result of a collision between a trolley car and the carriage he and President Roosevelt occupied.

Representatives from the Chicago Field Office of the Secret Service, Chicago Police, Illinois State Police, Illinois Secretary of State Police and other law enforcement officials will attend. Also in attendance will be descendants from the Craig family.

Oak Woods is one of the oldest cemeteries in Chicago. It opened in 1853. Inside are 600 Confederate soldiers who died while incarcerated at Camp Douglas. There are two Chicago Mayors, Harold Washington and William Hale Thompson. Olympic champion Jesse Owens, gangster "Big" Jim Colosimo and physicist Enrico Fermi are also there.

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**Chris Chelios is
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Chris Chelios, Defense-man with the Detroit Red Wings, is coming home, to Evergreen Park. He will be at the Village Hall Council Chambers -2nd Floor at 9418 S. Kedzie on September 3, from 10 AM to Noon. Chelios is a former resident of Evergreen Park who attended Southeast School, Central Jr. High and Evergreen Park Community High School. He was formerly with the Chicago Blackhawks for eight years before he was traded to Detroit. Meet Chris Chelios, NHL All Star, up close and see the ultimate hockey trophy, the Stanley Cup.

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Tinley Park Village Board addresses variations, building codes and mosquitoes

by Jude Coyle

Police Sergeant Lorelei Mason was recognized by the Tinley Park Village Board on August 27th. Sgt. Mason began her career in 1981 as a dispatcher. She became a Tinley Park police officer in December, 1981. During that time, she served on the Major Crime Task Force, as evidence technician, as liaison to the U. S. Customs, crime scene investigator, and has received field training and training in police photography. Now Sgt. Lorelei Mason is Tinley Park's first woman sergeant.

At the same meeting, the Village Board voted to override the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny a petition for a variation to the Village building code. Petitioner Bob Edwards had sought approval to extend the height of the fence surrounding his tennis court at 9000 Peachtree Drive. Two sides of the fence would remain at six feet. The other 2 sides would be raised to ten feet. The intent is to

prevent tennis balls from flying onto 183rd Street, on to the Teppco Pipeline Company property, or other utility right-of-ways. The Tinley Park Village staff recommended the variation as a safety measure.

Elaine Putschero of P.D. Hartz Construction and Todd R. Bergfors, Senior Planner, of Linden/Lenet Land Design, Ltd., presented a new concept for the construction of town homes in the Millennium Lakes Subdivision. Initially, 110 units were planned. Several are in and have already sold. New plans call for less units, 68 in all, and cosmetic changes. Earlier models have 2-story decks. Newer models would have wrap around porches, decorative brick works, lighting improvements and more glass in garages. The units would have the same footage, 1800 square feet, and the same layouts.

The presentation provoked some outcry. "I want planners to think out of the

box," Trustee Rea commented. "For that reason I will vote no... Send a signal to planners... We want not just cosmetic changes, but material changes..."

Trustee Seaman later said that the original plans were fine, and the new plans were better. The Board wanted to encourage planners to offer better plans yet.

A move was made to accept the concept of change and not the changes themselves. The Board agreed. The P.D. Hartz representative and Linden/Lenet representative were instructed to make further improvements.

Ordinance number 2002-0-046 was tabled. It dealt with amending an existing ordinance dealing with building codes. Trustee Hannon explained that the Illinois State Building Department has recently ruled that all changes to municipal building codes must be sent to their office in Spring 30 days prior to going into effect.

"I don't have a problem

sending information to Springfield," Hannon said. "I object to the 30 day wait. We can't make emergency changes." It's simply a filing requirement, he explained, as there is no State level agency with the power to override changes in building codes. He asked if the South Suburban Mayors Conference can be of help.

The previously mentioned ordinance will be addressed at the September 17th committee meeting.

Trustee Patrick Rea said that one of his neighbors spoke to him about mosquito abatement. Rea noticed that several thousand dollars appeared on the budget for abatement. He wanted to know what that was for.

Village Manager David Dorgan explained that Cook and Will Counties have mosquito abatement programs. A small part of the Village lies outside either county. Clark Environmental uses fog there. Also, Public Works employees are using capsules dropped in standing water to kill mosquito larva. They drop the capsules in manholes, ditches or other places where water collects and mosquitoes breed.

Evergreen Glass and Window granted approval of site plans

by Jude Coyle

On Tuesday, August 22, the Evergreen Park Zoning Commission overturned the rejection of a site plan for offered by Evergreen Glass and Window for their move. The Board recommended that Robert Grilec, owner of Evergreen Glass and Window, Dr. Thomas Powell, and Evergreen Park Fire Chief and Building Commissioner Ed Clohessy sit down and work out their differences. Chief Clohessy denied the site plan last April.

Robert Grilec has owned the business and has operated out of 3521 W. 95th for 15 years. He felt that he needed larger quarters. When Betka Fibrist at 3800 W. 95th

closed, he made plans to purchase the building.

He planned to convert a back yard to parking. After several years of parking on 95th, he has had to suffer the expense caused by vandals. A back parking lot would provide added security.

A few years ago, the Village adopted a 'comprehensive plan' to enhance Village resources, i.e. the business district, recreation facilities and even the residential area. One of the recommendations was that residents should be impacted as little as possible by the neighboring business community.

Chief Clohessy felt that parking and truck traffic would have too much of an effect on the neighboring

residential area.

Several neighbors agreed. A side parking lot has five spaces. The entrance though is off Hamlin and through an alley, and there are single family homes north of the alley.

"In my mind you are going to add traffic to a residential street, traffic that does not exist now," Clohessy said.

"I have three children whose bedrooms are near this alley," resident Pam Kaczmarek said. She was concerned that large trucks entering and exiting the alley in the early morning hours would disturb her family.

Mayor James Sexton is another neighbor. "I have

only one of 20 or so neighbors in the immediate vicinity, and those neighbors that would be affected more directly than he would.

Other Evergreen Park residents to attend the Zoning Commission hearing felt that Evergreen Glass should not be forced to move from the Village.

Asked if the Village Board would approve the move, Village Clerk Cathy Aparo replied that Board will not rule on the site plan as Village ordinance doesn't require Board action. Asked if the Village Board would approve a new business license for Evergreen Glass, Cathy said she preferred to take a wait and see approach. She

Austin Pendleton's Orson's Shadow

To be presented with original cast members at Chicago Center for the Performing Arts
Limited six-week return engagement begins Sept. 5

The Chicago Center for the Performing Arts is proud to announce that Austin Pendleton's critically-acclaimed play, *ORSON'S SHADOW*, will be performed with original cast members and direction by David Cromer at the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts, 777 N. Green Street, in a limited six-week return engagement September 5 - October 13, 2002.

ORSON'S SHADOW, by Steppenwolf Theatre Ensemble Member Austin Pendleton, is a semi-fictional play which envisions a series of dramatic backstage encounters between Orson Welles, Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, Joan Plowright, and renowned British critic Kenneth Tynan around the time of Welles' 1960 London premiere of Eugene Ionesco's "Rhinoceros." Inspired by a true event, *ORSON'S SHADOW* dramatizes the rocky relationship between theatrical luminaries Welles and Olivier, who are brought to-

gether by Tynan to present "Rhinoceros" at a time when both stars desperately needed a career boost. At the same time, Olivier is leaving his wife, Vivien Leigh, for another actress, Joan Plowright, who was appearing in the play. As portrayed with wit and careful research, *ORSON'S SHADOW* reveals the demons that drove them all.

ORSON'S SHADOW received its World Premier at the Steppenwolf Garage in January 2000 and subsequently played at the Williamstown Theatre Festival and Connecticut's Westport Country Playhouse. The show's original director, David Cromer, will remount this production, which also features five original cast members: John Judd (Laurence Olivier), Lee Roy Rogers (Vivien Leigh), Jeff Still (Orson Welles), David Warren (Kenneth Tynan) and Sarah Wellington (Joan Plowright). They are joined by Ned Noyes as Sean, Orson Welles' assistant.

Austin Pendleton, a member of the Steppenwolf Theatre Ensemble since 1987, can be seen in the upcoming films *Queenie in Love* and *Manna from Heaven*, and the current film *A Beautiful Mind* with Russell Crowe. Recent Steppenwolf stage appearances include "Uncle Vanya" and "Valparaiso." Other recent stage appearances include "The Diary of Anne Frank" on Broadway, Claudius in "Hamlet" and the title role in "Richard II" Off-Broadway, and "King Lear" in Boston, as well as his play "Booth" at Writer's Theater in Chicago. His numerous films include *The Fourth Floor*, *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*, *Joe the King* and *What's up Doc*. Recent television work includes episodes of *Oz* for HBO and *Homicide* for NBC.

In addition to staging the World Premier of *ORSON'S SHADOW* at Steppenwolf, then the Williamstown Theatre Festival and the Westport Country Playhouse, David Cromer's directing credits

Dazzle" at Steppenwolf, "The Price" and "Booth" at Writers Theatre, "And Neither Have I Wings to Fly" for Fox Theatricals and "Betty's Summer Vacation" at Roadworks. He recently played Edmund in "Long Day's Journey Into Night" at the Goodman. In 1998 he co-produced, supervised the group direction of, and played Louis in, The Journeyman's "Angels in America: parts 1 & 2, which received Jeff Awards for Best Production, Direction and Ensemble. This winter, he and Marc Grapey will co-direct *Cider House Rules*" at Famous Door. He first worked with the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts last winter, at the helm of "Miracle on 34th Street".

The performance schedule of *ORSON'S SHADOW* is as follows: Thursday at 7:30 PM; Fridays at 8 PM; Saturdays at 3 and 8 PM; and Sundays at 3 PM. Tickets are priced at \$35 for Thursday performances, and \$39 for all other performances. Tickets

are priced at \$30 and \$34 for preview performances Sept. 5-7. Tickets for the return engagement of *ORSON'S SHADOW* are now on sale at the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts box office or by calling (312) 327-2000. Student and senior citizen discount tickets are available for groups of 10 or more by calling (312) 327-2000.

Under the direction of Executive Producer Anthony Tomaska, the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts is the city's most comprehensive musical and theatrical training and performance venue. The Chicago Center's education facilities include the Chicago Training Center with its diverse acting curriculum, for adults and youth; the Players Workshop, the country's oldest school of improvisation; the School of Music, which offers private and group lessons in most instruments, voice as well as electronic recording; The Writing Program, led by successful working writers in television, film and state; and

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For more information on *ORSON'S SHADOW* or the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts, please call (312) 327-2000 or visit www.theaterland.com.

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Friends of the O.L. Library plan trip to Scarecrow Festival

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to the Scarecrow Festival in St. Charles, IL on Friday, October 11. An in-person registration will be held 9-11 AM Saturday, September 14 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Enjoy a beautiful autumn day with colorful, hand crafted scarecrows on display, an arts and crafts show

in Pottawattamie Park, a cruise on the Fox River and lunch at Rex's Cork and Fork Restaurant. The bus departure at 7 AM and returns at 3:30 PM. The cost of this all-inclusive motor coach trip is \$52 for Friends members and \$54 for others.

After the in-person registration closes, call 708-422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

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interview with Lisa Beamer, whose husband, Todd Beamer, was the hero of United Airlines flight no. 93, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and attempted to hijack his flight.

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Angels

Tommy Dorsey Orchestra to bring big band sound to Moraine Valley

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra will deliver a variety of renowned big band classics as they take the stage at 7 PM Saturday, September 21, at Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

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Tommy Dorsey had a

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Condon, and Pops Foster. In 1953 the Dorsey Brothers reunited when Jimmy joined Tommy's band. From 1955-56 the brothers had their own show on the CBS network entitled *Stage Show*, thus giving them nationwide coverage.

Buddy Morrow will conduct the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra as they play various hits from the big band era. Morrow is recognized as one of the all-time great trombone players, and Buddy Morrow's Orchestra originally produced such hits as "One Mint Julip," "I Don't Know," and "Hey, Mrs. Jones."

Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$21 for students and se-

niors. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at 708/974-5500, or visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.morainevalley.edu.

Transportation holds choice meeting

If you believe that transportation choice means a better quality of life for everyone, come to the Center for Neighborhood Technology's "Connecting Communities" Regional Congress on Saturday, September 14th at the University of Illinois at Chicago on 750 South Halsted in Chicago. The event will be held between 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a free event. Register online at www.cnt.org/2030 or call (773) 278-4800, ext 2030.

Mothers of Ministry Sharing at St. Daniel's offers Fall Session

St. Daniel the Prophet Church's Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) is currently accepting registration for its Fall 2002 Session scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 25th. The MOMS program is an eight-week workshop designed to give busy mothers of all ages some much needed time out in the company of other women while at the same time enhancing their personal and spiritual growth. Topics to be covered include self-esteem, feelings, relationships, stress and spirituality. This is a great opportunity for mothers to make new friends, find out more about themselves and develop their spirituality.

The Fall Session of MOMS will meet weekly on Wednesdays for eight weeks beginning September 25th through November 13th. The meetings will be held from 7 to 9 PM in St. Daniel's Par-

ish Center at 5300 S. Natoma Avenue in Chicago. Child care will be provided at no cost.

An orientation has been scheduled for September 18th. Please call Ann Nash at 773-788-1033 to register for the program. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot soon. The cost for the workshop is \$25.00. Mothers of all ages and from all walks of life are encouraged to participate in this rewarding and unique program.

Worth to host blood drive

The Village of Worth will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Saturday, October 26, 2002 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Village Hall located at 7112 W. 111th Street. To set up an appointment for blood donation, please phone the Village Hall at (708) 448-1181.

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Aglow International to host Rev. Eric and Rosalinde Au Coin

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, September 12, 2002, at the White Rose Banquet Hall (formerly Burbank Rose) 6501 West 79th Street, Burbank, IL.

The music ministry of Rev. Eric and Rosalinde Au Coin is featured on September 12th and spans more than 30 years, addressing all walks of life; men, women and teens alike. Rosalinde experienced God's healing touch when He delivered her of throat nodules that threatened to rob her of her voice. The songs she writes and sings reveals her true heart and unique biblical perspective to life's everyday challenges. Eric is an ordained minister, and together they have shared their dynamic ministry in meetings and on TV. They have led worship on CBN's Sermon and Song, and the former PTL Camp-meeting USA. The 700 Club as well as Among Friends also have been blessed with their music.

Please come with a friend and join them on their miraculous journey into a life with God.

Dinner tickets are \$12.50.

Honor the victims of September 11th

September 11th is designated Patriot Day and the U.S. flag is at half-staff until sunset to remember the victims of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. VFW Post 5220 and Ladies Auxiliary located at South 52nd Ave. Oak Lawn, Illinois invites you to participate in a local remembrance program at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Memorial site near the village library. We will pass out the 9-11 poppy to all who attend. Guest speakers include the mayor of Oak Lawn, the village Fire Chief and the Village Chief of Police. The VFW and our Ladies Auxiliary VFW motto is "Honoring the dead by helping the living." Remember the September 11th victims through volunteering in our community.

available at 6:30 PM at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 PM. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at 773/767-8031.

Aglow International is an interdenominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds Bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prison and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups and support groups.

Chicago Southland to host annual awards luncheon

Lansing, IL - Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau members will be recognized for their marketing and customer service-related achievements on Thursday, September 26, at the Bureau's Annual Membership Awards Luncheon at the Matteson Holiday Inn, 500 Holiday Plaza in Matteson, Illinois. The luncheon begins with a reception at 11:30 AM, followed by the luncheon and program at noon.

Featured speaker is Sue Vos, President of the Illinois Council of Convention & Visitors Bureaus, a consortium of tourism professionals leading the state's 39 convention and visitor bureaus and regional tourism development offices. The ICCVB sets Illinois tourism industry policy; and lobbies state legislators on behalf of the tourism industry.

Vos is Executive Director of the Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, and has been instrumental in developing destination marketing programs and visitor amenities in downtown Aurora, with substantial hospitality-related development along the area's greatest natu-

ral asset, the Fox River. Vos will discuss the tourism industry in Illinois, and aggressive efforts by the industry to recapture lost business due to the recent economic downturn and the lingering effects of September 11 on travel.

Winners of the Bureau's annual marketing and promotional materials competition, the "Hospitality Marketing Awards," will be honored at the luncheon, as will the two winners of the Service Person of the Year Awards in the Hotel/Motel/Restaurant and General Membership categories. Additionally, the Bureau's regional Annual Awards are presented at the Luncheon, including winners of the 2002 Member of the Year Awards, Municipal Leader of the Year Award, Aldo DeAngelis Leadership Award, Linda Morgan Award (for Volunteerism), and Award of Merit winners.

"The Bureau's Annual Membership Awards Luncheon is a time to feature our members and their marketing and promotional projects, and honor those members and local officials who have been instrumental in supporting tourism programs in the Chicago Southland," said



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Jim Garrett, President/CEO of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Tickets to the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau's Annual Membership awards Luncheon, Thursday, September 26, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Matteson are \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door, and \$225.00 for a table of ten. For ticket information, or to reserve a space at the luncheon, call the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau at 708-895-8200.

Garden Clinic - 4th Monday of month, meetings resume Monday, September 23, 10 AM in Room 112.

Line Dancing - classes resume Monday, September 9. Three 1-hour classes offered:

- Beginners - 11 AM.
- Intermediate - Noon.
- Advanced - 1 PM

Each class is \$2. Preregistration not required.

OCS Programs are offered at H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. For further information, please stop by or phone 422-8776.

League of Women Voters to tour local high schools

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will kick off their new year with a tour of newly renovated Stagg and Sandburg High Schools on Saturday, September 14, 2002. Members will begin the tour at 9:30 AM at Stagg High School located at 111th Street and Roberts Road in Palos Hills. Superintendent Patrick McMahon will conduct the tour.

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland has approximately 60 members from ten communities in the southwest suburban region. For more information, please contact Merna Trotter at 532-0184.

Crafters wanted

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood is looking for crafters for their annual craft fair on Sunday, October 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per table. It is located at Mount Greenwood Park, 3715 W. 111th St. For more information, call 773-429-1141 or write to The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood, P.O. Box 557532, Chicago, IL 60655-7532.



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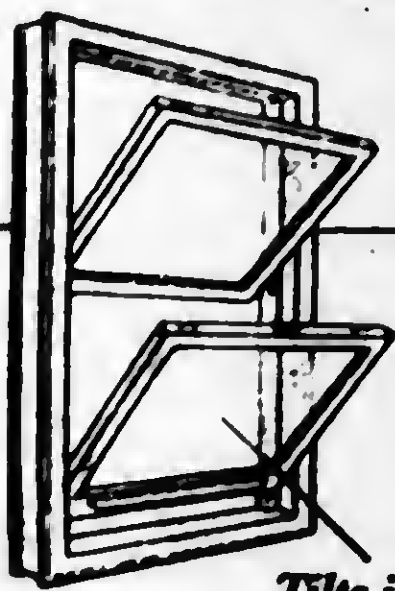
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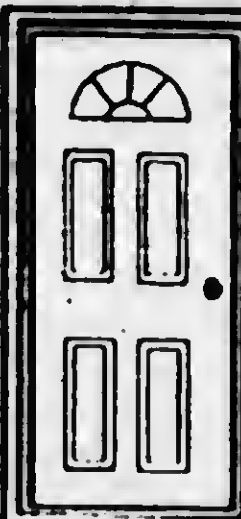
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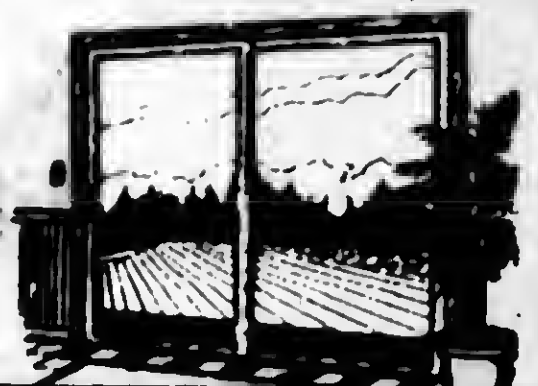
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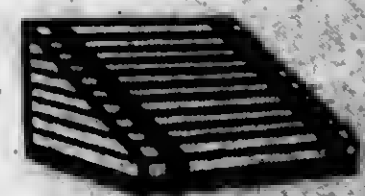
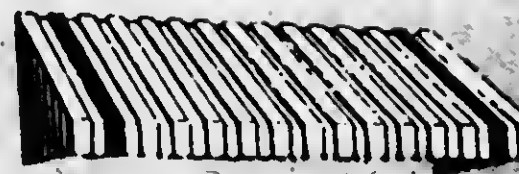
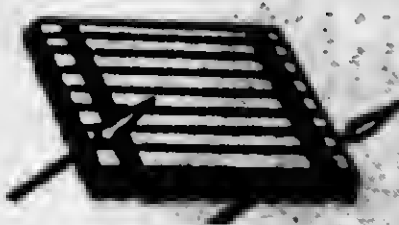
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Labor Day Message

by Margaret Blackshere, President,

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After September 11, 2001, it seems a little hollow to give the usual Labor Day message of remembering our history and getting involved as the political season heats up with our picnics and parades.

To see so much senseless death and destruction and feel fear and insecurity pour into our shocked minds, I believe it changed us all forever. We just don't see things the same way anymore. But in the midst of the ugliness and terror, our workers did their jobs. You know the stories and I won't recount them again, but workers stood up and were counted that day.

I've always had a deep appreciation for what workers do everyday in making our society grow and thrive. I have to admit, though, now I see it more clearly than I ever did before.

I drive down the street and I see firefighters taking the time to chat with kids on their bikes outside the station house. I see construction workers struggling in bad weather to complete their jobs. I see the teachers walking hand-in-hand with their students to the park for an afternoon field trip. I see the

patient grocer store clerk taking a few extra minutes to make sure an elderly customer understands her receipt. Those things happened before September 11th and they go on happening in communities everywhere.

Somewhere along the way things got turned around in this country and our citizens were told that our government is the problem, not the solution - that we should accept what the powerful decide we get. We are merely the expendable fuel in the machine that generates wealth and substance for others.

We are not the fuel. We are the machine - a machine made up of women and men of every nationality with diverse beliefs and values. There is one thing we have to always remember - we count.

The powerful seem to thrive off of our sweat and our blood. The special trust our government has that is enumerated in our Constitution is to be the advocate of all the people, not just the privileged few.

Who came to government for tax break, bailouts and

handouts after September 11th? It was the corporate lobbyists looking for a quick buck as the bricks still smoldered. There are those in our government that pander to the powerful, but it doesn't have to be. There are many wonderful and dedicated public officials and many more waiting for a chance to allow our wonderfully-created system to work for us all.

No matter what happened September 11, 2001 or in the weeks that followed, despite what you have been led to believe, it is our government. The irresponsible will have you believe the economy guides us and we must rely on the markets. Wrong. The economy doesn't drive us, we drive the economy. We build our communities and our futures. We need to put our people in the position to allow our government to act as our advocate again.

History reminds us that a government advocating for working families brought us out of the Great Depression, established free and accessible public education, created Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Insurance and Workers' Compensation. Strong unions and a strong government of the people are what is needed to stop the pandering to the Enron CEOs.

We can complain and shrug away the outrageous actions of corporate America, or we can change our way of thinking and begin the revolution of change. It starts in our hearts and minds. It continues when we show up and help others learn about our friends who seek public office. It ends at the ballot box.

Let's do it together. Let's take back what is rightfully ours.

SWSRA receives grant

The South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) was awarded \$1000 grant from Abbott Laboratories Fund. SWSRA is a nonprofit organization that provides year round recreational programs. For individuals (children and adults) with mental and physical disabilities. For more information on SWSRA programs, contact 708-389-9423

communities, create innumerable jobs in the hospitality and attraction sectors and help rejuvenate economies in the Southland municipalities."

"As you can see, putting a river boat casino in the Chicago Southland is a winning proposition," Seward said. "In our effort to improve the economic situation in the Chicago Southland, a river boat casino is another step in the right direction."

The Chamber, the region's number one business leadership organization, stands ready to actively assist regional leaders in collective efforts to establish a river boat casino in the Southland.

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Chicago Southland Chamber endorses river boat Casino in Southland

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to endorse the location of a river boat casino in the Chicago Southland Region and urge the Illinois Gaming Board to give its highest priority to such a venture.

"We believe the Chicago Southland is a perfect place to put a river boat casino," Chamber President and CEO Michael D. Seward said. "We believe it would give a big economic boost to the Southland."

In its position paper, the Chamber said, "A Chicago Southland location will aid in visitor destination development of our region, revitalize the downtowns and storefronts of many Southland



Left to right: Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President M.W.R.D.; Commissioner Patricia Young; Eamon Hickey and Commissioner Kathleen Meany, V.P. of M.W. R.

Consul general honored

A resolution was recently presented by the commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to the Consul General of Ireland, Eamon Hickey for the contributions he has made during his term as Consul General in 1998.

Participating in the presentation was the President of the Board of Commissioner, Terrence J. O'Brien, Commissioner Patricia Young (right center), Consul General Eamon Hickey, and Commissioner Kathleen Meany, Vice President of M.W.R.D.

President O'Brien stated that "while Consul General for the Chicago area, Hickey assisted by creating a better awareness of Irish culture, arts, sports, education, economics and government through his many personal appearances, programs and activities sponsored by his office."

Ashburn Baptist to hold 9/11 Community Service

There will be a 9/11, area-wide, Memorial Service, Wednesday, September 11, 8 PM at the Ashburn Baptist

Church, Wolf Road at 153rd Street, Orland Park, where Vernon C. Lyons is the Pastor.

Colors will be presented by the American Legion Post 111.

The Service features a video interview with Cheryl McGuinness, wife of To... who was a pilot on American

Airlines flight 11 that crashed into the Trade Tower. Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, President of Moraine Valley College will give a memorial reading. Prayer will be offered for our Police, Firefighters and our Nation.

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St. Rita names Mustangs

St. Rita of Cascia High School bestows the 'Mustang of the Month Award' every month during the school year to notable students from each class. Teachers nominate students based on the student's overall involvement in the school. The award winners are then selected from those nominated by an award committee. The following students have been selected the May, 2002 Mustangs of the Month:

Senior Jason Downey (Chicago - West Lawn) came to St. Rita from St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish and was a graduate of that parish school. He was a member of the Gold Honor Roll with a 4.67 cumulative GPA and was an Illinois State Scholar. Jason was a Heeney Award winner for receiving straight A's on numerous occasions and was a member of the National Honor Society. He

also was an Augustinian Peer Minister, was co-president of the Billiards Club, was in the Racquetball Club, was co-founder of the Astronomy Club, and was a member of the Scholastic Bowl Team. Jason received a full tuition scholarship to the University of Chicago where he will attend in the fall.

Senior Keith Samansky (Oak Lawn) is a member of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish and is a graduate of Gunsaulus Academy. He was a member of the Silver Honor Roll with a 3.0 cumulative GPA. An officer of Student Council and an Augustinian Peer Minister, Keith also played baseball all four years at St. Rita and played football as a freshman and sophomore. He volunteers as a baseball coach for Archer Manor Baseball and was an active member in Five Holy Martyrs Parish as an alter

server. Keith will attend Moraine Valley College in the fall.

Senior Javier Solorio (Chicago - West Lawn) hailed from St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish and graduated from that parish school. He was on the Silver Honor Roll with a 3.7 cumulative GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society. Listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Javier was a member of the award winning Mustang Band and Jazz Band. He was Drum Major for the Marching Mustangs for three years. Javier was involved with the Maria High School Drama Club in his spare time and also with St. Nicholas Ensemble for Masses. He was named to the DePaul All-Catholic Band the last two years. Javier will attend Lewis University on a scholarship in the fall.



Pictured from left: Senior Jason Downey; Senior Javier Solorio; Senior Keith Samansky; Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA, Activities Director; Sophomore Mathew Ryan; Freshman Kevin Goshorn; Junior Brandon Williams.

Junior Brandon (Chicago - Ashburn) is a member of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and is a graduate of that parish school. Brandon has been a three-sport athlete for the past three years. He was a member of last year's quar-

ter finalist football team, a member of the basketball team, and a member of the track team. In his spare time, Brandon teaches basketball fundamentals for grade school children at Our Lady of Knock Grade School.

Sophomore Matthew Ryan (Chicago - Beverly) is a member of St. Barnabas Parish and is a graduate of Sutherland School. He was ranked #1 of the sophomore class with a 4.67 cumulative GPA and is a current Heeney Award recipient for receiving straight A's. Matthew has been on the Gold Honor Roll since he began at St. Rita High School. He was a member of the sophomore basketball team and the varsity volleyball team that took fourth place in the state this past year. In his spare time, Matthew tutors grade school students in his neighborhood and coaches volleyball and basketball at Sutherland Grade School.

Freshman Kevin Goshorn (Chicago - West Lawn) came to St. Rita from St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish and graduated from that parish school. He is currently on the Gold Honor Roll with a 4.10 cumulative GPA. In his first year at St. Rita, Kevin was a member of the freshman football team, the bowling team, and the baseball team that was Catholic League Champs. He helps coach at St. Mary's and also helps coach his brother's traveling baseball team. Kevin is also a recipient of St. Rita's Mustang Award. May Mustang of the Month selection were announced during the May School Mass before final exams at the end of the school year.

It's estimated that half of these caregivers also work outside the home. The resultant time crunch can often leave caregivers feeling guilty and stressed. However, experts say that needn't be. Try these tips:

- Don't try to be all things to all people. Remember that you are not alone and you don't have to take on all responsibilities.
- Know their needs. Talk to the person you take care of. Find out what he or she wants and needs. For instance, some older people only need—or want—visitors a few times a week.
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For more information, visit www.homestyleservices.com.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by: Kathy Whirity

kathywhirity@mymailstation.com

As the one year anniversary of 9/11 approaches, many of us will undoubtedly recall the infamous day in terms of what we were doing when the horrifying attacks on America were broadcast, live, around the world.

I remember waking up, bright and early, that sunny Tuesday morning to the shrill sound of the alarm clock that signaled the start of a full work schedule. I was a bit grumpy and dreading the feeling that for every one foot forward I managed to take, I usually found myself taking two steps back. Life was indeed hectic, with no respite in sight.

And then I turned on the TV and with the flick of the remote control, my whole perspective changed.

Who could've imagined that warm and sunny morning, that four commercial airplanes would be used as guided missiles whose sole purpose was to burst into a fiery flurry of death on impact? 2,823 innocent people died that day, some who may have also woke up that morning, greeting the day with a repetitious attitude of, 'same old same old.'

What the unfortunate victims of 9/11 had no way of knowing was that they would never get the chance to redeem any dreams for their tomorrows because, for them, tomorrow would never come.

They would never get the chance to tell their loved ones what was in their hearts. But, on that fateful day, I realized an incredible gift—I would.

I remember, all too well, what I did after the initial shock of what was happening sunk in, as if it were yesterday.

I remember frantically trying to call my daughters who were away at school. A panic set in as the constant hum of a busy signal kept ringing in my ears.

Feelings of helplessness, worry and confusion couldn't be shaken from the deep sense of despair that lay heavy in my heart.

Towards mid-morning I was grateful to be reunited with my daughters, even if it was only that the other end of a phone line.

They too were worried, unsure, and a bit nervous, which prompted the most sincerest sounding 'I love you, Mom,' I've ever heard

uttered from their teenage lips.

In the days and weeks following the vicious attacks, I found myself reflecting on what's important in my life—it's a habit I'm still doing today.

Worrying about not having enough time in one day is trivial and rather silly in light of all that's been lost. Being thankful became a concept that would change the way we looked at things. Born out of the tragedy is the renewed sense of appreciation for the simple things in life, and a craving to fill one's heart with what really matters most—loving one another.

The outpouring of support was awe inspiring as Americans rallied together to show the world what we are made of. People stood in lines for hours to donate blood. Children dug deep into piggy banks to send money to poor children in Afghanistan. The best of humanity shone like a bright star that even the evil of terrorism couldn't penetrate. Now it's a year later and we are remembering this day in tributes to those who lost their lives.

All appears to be quiet on

the home front, that is, if you're not constantly glued to the cable news channels.

Life has returned somewhat back to normal, and people are beginning to get on with their lives—which brings up a few relevant questions.

Do Americans still hold the same commitment to the war on terrorism that they did last September 11th?

How has your life changed since the 'land of the free' has been the focus of fanatical extremist waging holy war on our society?

Have these violent events caused you to turn tragedy into triumph in your personal life? Does being patriotic hold the same persistence and strong spirit of pride it held a year ago, or has it become easier to be more passive than patriotic, post 9/11?

Just something to think about as we remember, and pay homage to the fallen heroes of 9/11—the first American casualties, at the hands of terrorists on American soil.

Tell us what you think. Send comments to: Village View Newspaper, 5757 95th St., Oak Lawn, IL

Health Bulletin

Caring For Caretakers

(NAPS)—Americans tend to be giving people. For example, almost 25 million Americans spend all or part of their day assisting older family members or friends who need help.



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Social Security - Younger Americans need to save more to enjoy a comfortable retirement

Many younger Americans probably scratch their heads in wonder when they are told they need to save more for retirement. They may be struggling to pay a mortgage, car loans and credit card debts, and also may have young children to feed, clothe and educate. And when they sit down at the kitchen table to work out a small retirement savings plan, they wonder how they can squeeze a few extra dollars out of the budget for future needs.

As someone who has been there, I know that it can be hard to do. But as President Bush has said, "Saving is never easy, but it's always worthwhile."

Just do the math, and you'll see why. Generally, when you retire, you will need at least 70 percent of

your working income to maintain your standard of living. Social Security will provide only about 40 percent of that for the average wage earner.

This means you need to plan for the other 30 percent or more by saving and investing.

Just last year, a survey by the American Savings Education Council reported that fewer than half of working Americans have tried to calculate how much they will need for a comfortable retirement. In 2001, only 33 percent felt they were on track in their financial preparation for a comfortable retirement. In 2001, only 33 percent felt they were on track in their financial preparation for retirement, and 34 percent said they are way behind schedule. Half of workers have

saved less than \$50,000; two in 10 say they have saved nothing at all for retirement.

The first step in trying to put together a nest egg for your retirement is having a plan. And that's where Social Security can help you. Each year, once you're age 25 or older, you'll get a Social Security Statement about three months before your birthday. It gives an estimate of what you can expect to get each month in Social Security retirement benefits. You should put it away with your other financial documents and use it as a basic tool in your financial planning.

Social Security also has a "retirement planner" on its website at www.ssa.gov. There, people of any age can estimate future retirement benefits by using one of three calculators.

Each is excellent, and each provides a different level of sophistication. Users also can link to the American Savings Education Council website, which has information on the need for pension and savings, and on how you can start a sensible savings plan.

Next year Social Security will join with the American Savings Education Council and State Farm Insurance to conduct a nationwide campaign on retirement saving. But you should start saving as soon as possible. And, in fact, the next paycheck might be a good time to begin.

Make-a-Wish

The Make-a-Wish Foundation of northern Illinois will present an orientation for people who would like to volunteer on Thursday, September 12, 2002 from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Xavier University, South Campus at 18020 Oak Park Avenue in Tinley Park, IL. To secure your space, please call Dan White at (312) 943-8710 ext. 40 or visit us at www.wishes.org.

Young artists need for Halloween exhibit at O.L. Library

Students in grades seven through 10 are invited to show off their artistic talents and creativity this fall by participating in an art exhibit at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Throughout October, the Youth Services Department will display works of art centered around a Halloween theme. Young artists may pick up a registration form and a set of guidelines at the Youth Services Desk. Exhibition space is limited. The deadline to register is September 21.

On Wednesday, October 16 at 7 PM, the Youth Services Department will host an evening where everyone may meet the artists.

Open only to Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools.

For more information about this, and other children's programs, call the library's Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990, stop in to pick up a Youth Services program booklet or visit the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

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St. Rita Mother's Club begin a new year

St. Rita Mother's Club of St. Rita of Cascia High School will hold their first meeting on Monday, September 9th. A "Welcome Back" Mass will be held at the St. Rita Chapel at 7 PM. The meeting begins at 7:45 PM. Refreshments will be served.

New officers for the 2002-03 school years are as follows: President - Susan Vaci, Vice President - Peggy Brooks, Corresponding Secretary - Therese Fitzgibbon, Recording Secretary - Peggy McCarthy, Treasurer - Tracy Cargo, Alumni Representative - Shelleye Pechulis, Senior Representatives - Patti Graber & Terry Keenan, Junior Representative - Paula Hutchinson, Sophomore Representative - Gen Hensley, Freshman Representative - Margarita Cordoza, Publicity Chairman is Deborah Raymond.

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Third annual photo contest offered by the Oak Lawn Park District

The Oak Lawn Park District is proud to announce that entry forms are currently available for its 3rd Annual Stars of the Park Photography Contest, which helps promote the benefits of parks and recreation through the visual arts. Entry forms can be picked up at any park-district facility; the entry deadline is Monday, Sept. 30.

The contest is open to amateur photographers only; all photos must be taken in an Oak Lawn Park District park or facility in one of five categories. They are: **Athletes in Action** (children or adults engaged in a sporting activity); **All Smiles--Babies & Tots** (children under age five having fun in a park, park-district program or facility); **Beauty of Nature** (flora, fauna or scenery found on park-district property); **Love them Pets** (pets playing at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th Street and Laramie Avenue, or enjoying an obedience class); and **Family Fun** (kids, parents or other family members enjoying a class, event or day at the park).

Prizes from local businesses will be awarded to the best photo in each category. A grand-prize winner will

receive a complimentary bed-and-breakfast package, courtesy of the Radisson Hotel, in Alsip. Additional program sponsors are: Animal Krackers (Hickory Hills); Brain Games (Chicago); Classmates (Chicago); Cook County Cheetahs (Crestwood); Don's World of Sports (Palos Hills); Fasel & Sons Garden Center (Oak Lawn); Lakeshore Learning Store (Chicago); Leona's (Oak Lawn); Plush Horse (Palos Park); Sid's Greenhouse, Garden Center, Landscaping & Maintenance (Palos Hills); and World of Flowers (Oak Lawn).

Winning entries will be published in an upcoming park-district program guide and displayed at park-district facilities.

Both black-and-white and color prints sizes 3 x 5 inches and larger are acceptable. To be submitted, digital photos must be printed on high-quality photo paper. Full-time Oak Lawn Park District employees are ineligible to participate. Photos cannot be returned.

To have an entry form mailed to you, or for more information, call (708) 857-2225 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Robert Morris College picks up State financial aid shortfall with increased scholarship aid

As colleges and universities across the state are dealing with cutbacks in financial aid, Robert Morris College is turning to its scholarship fund to make up the difference lost through Monetary Award Program cuts and reductions in the City of Chicago College Excel program.

When the State of Illinois budget was reduced by cutting funding to the Monetary Awards Program, Robert Morris College was faced with \$4,750 loss in aid to each student who applied after August 12, as well as all students in their fifth year of school. "The College serves a good number of students who have received this form of financial aid," explained Deb Brody, RMC's vice president for student services. "It's going to be difficult for them to come up with funding that they had originally counted on receiving."

As a result of this shortfall, Robert Morris College is committed to make up the difference through its own program of scholarship and financial aid. Through fund raising efforts for the scholarship fund, endowment monies and gifts, Robert Morris College will provide the funding necessary for students to receive a scholarship

that equals their MAP eligibility amount.

"As a not-for-profit institution, all tuition revenue is put back into student programs and services," explained Michael Violit, RMC president. "We aren't about to cut back on quality of those services or programs for our students, but we're making a concerted effort to make every tuition dollar go further in order to provide for those depending on assistance. Our Board of Trustees has approved the distribution of funds from our endowment to provide financial aid."

Another recent cut from the Chicago Public Schools is also affecting one of RMC's programs for high school students. College Excel is a program for students who have the ability to take a college level course while still in high school. They can take two classes a semester at the RMC downtown campus and have the potential of starting college with as many as 16 earned quarter college credits. Robert Morris College has worked closely with CPS in the College Excel program over the years and was initially looking to welcome as many as 6700 high school students into the program this fall and again in the

spring. CPS, which funds the program, recently cut the number down to 176, but Robert Morris College will extend the program to as many as 324 additional qualified Chicago high school students.

"The College Excel Program has provided a real 'leg-up' for Chicago high school students," commented Angela Jordan, RMC vice president for student services. "They learn how the demands of a college course differ from those of a high school course. They learn to manage their time with regular high school classes and homework, sports, activities, a social life and all the requirements that go along with a college class. Simply getting back and forth to the college can take a big chunk of their time." Wherever the students decide to go for college, they will have the credit and the course experience behind them.

Once again, Robert Morris College is determined to find the resources to provide the program for at least 500 students. "The course expenses for 325 students is over a million dollars," continued Jordan. "The College has always subsidized some of those costs, but our part-

nership with CPS really made College Excel work for so many deserving high school students. We would welcome assistance from any foundation or corporation that also believes in the benefit such a program can provide for Chicago's public high school students."

Robert Morris College is a not-for-profit, baccalaureate degree-granting institution, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.* Founded in 1913, the College serves over 5400 students interested in getting an education that meets the demands of today's business, graphic arts, health care and technical world at its main campus in Chicago as well as at locations in DuPage, Orland Park, O'Hare, Springfield and Peoria. For more information call 1-800-225-1520 or visit RMC's web site at www.rmcol.edu.

*Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago IL 60602, 312/263-0456.

Daley College offers more this semester

It's back to school time for college students! Classes at Daley College start right after Labor Day. The first day of classes will be Tuesday, September 3rd. The class schedule includes hundreds of college credit classes in baccalaureate transfer and career programs leading to Associate degrees.

Daley College offers classes in forty subject areas, with an emphasis on programs that transfer to four year colleges and universities. The college has a distinguished program and an honored faculty, including Illinois Professor of the Year, Cosnstance Mixon. The college is especially well known in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology. The Department of Mathematics has been nationally recognized for innovative instruction by the National Council of Instructional Administrators. Dr. Vali Siadat,

Chairman of the Department of Mathematics, received the 2002 Excellence in College Teaching Award from the American Mathematical Association of American, Illinois section, making him the top professor of mathematics in the state. Other programs including engineering, political science, and Spanish have also won statewide or regional awards.

The Computer Information Systems Department (CIS) is offering forty sections of eighteen courses including introductory courses, productivity applications, and network technologies and systems. A popular program is the CISCO ACAD-EMY, through which students can become certified in working with CISCO internet systems, either in a two year or an accelerated nine month program.

One of Daley College's unique programs is Survival

Spanish for Nurses and Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement Officers. This program offers the opportunity for non-Spanish speakers to use Spanish language skills and cross-cultural strategies to enhance their ability to work with native speakers of Spanish. Also new in the language department is Spanish 110, Modern Civilization and Culture, taught by a new member of the faculty, Dr. Franklin Inojosa.

Returning students who pay by credit card may register using SOARS, a new telephone or web-based registration system, by calling (312) 553-3450 or by logging on to soars.ccc.edu. New students take a placement examination, which is offered daily during the week. Results are used to ensure that students are put in classes designed for their own level of skills.

Tinley Park remembers 9/11

Tinley Park will join the nation in remembering victims of the most lethal attack against the continental United States during a September 11th ceremony at the Odyssey Country Club, 19110 S. Ridgeland Avenue in Tinley Park.

The memorial program will begin at 7:00 PM on the grounds immediately behind the clubhouse. Those attending should enter the Country Club at Flossmoor Road and Ridgeland Avenue.

The Village will recognize each of the individuals lost in the attack through the floating of 3,202 candles on the Country Club pond as well as the distribution of flags, each bearing the name of a victim. The Arts Alive! Community Band and Chorale will perform patriotic music throughout the program.

"We encourage all citizens to attend this special event," said Tinley Park

Mayor Ed Zabrocki. "Just as the nation unites in times of tragedy, it is fitting that we join together as a community to remember those who lost their lives on that horrific day."

Trustee Patrick E. Rea stated, "Representatives of the fire and police service, local churches, the aviation industry and the military, including Lt. Col. David Manville (United States Army) who was in the Pentagon at the time of the attack, are expected to attend the observance. Student members of the Lincolnway ROTC will distribute the flags."

Center Middle School student, Elle Gerdes, 12, will sing the National Anthem and "Taps", and piper Peter Duffield will perform "Amazing Grace". The program was organized by Village of Tinley staff members and involved residents.

President Stroger talks about bonds

Cook County Board President John Stroger recently announced that the County's General Obligation Bond rating has been upgraded to AA by Standard & Poor's Rating Services based on the substantial completion of the new hospital. Standard & Poor's previous rating had been AA-.

"In the economic times we are in, I believe this is a strong testament to the sound financial management and fiscal practices of Cook County Government," stated President Stroger.

"A stable outlook has also been assigned on Cook County's debt due to the expectations that the County will realize additional health care cost savings with the opening of the new hospital and closing of the old facility, as well as maintain sound financial operations and moderate additional debt needs," said John Kenward, credit analyst for Standard & Poor.

Registration starts for community computer courses

District 218 will offer 23 computer courses for community members starting September 9, through late November. Registration forms and class lists are available on the district web site (www.chsd218.org), at all public libraries in District 218, and at the following locations:

Eisenhower High School, Main office, 12700 S. Sacramento, Blue Island, IL 60406
Richards High School, Main office, 10601 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Shepard High School, Main office, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60453

ASPEN High School, 3940 W. Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL 60472

District 218, Administrative Center, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Those registering must be at least 18 years old. Registration may be done by mail only to: District 218, Attention: Judi Keigher, Instructional Services/Adult Education, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

No tuition refunds will be

issued unless the enrollment limit for a course has been met.

Strike up the Band with the Marching Mustangs

The St. Rita High School Marching Mustangs will host "Band Day 2002" on Friday September 20th. Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 are invited to march with the award-winning Mustangs in a pregame parade and performance at the St. Rita vs. Br. Rice football game in St. Rita's Doyle Stadium. Participants will receive music to play, marching instruction, complimentary t-shirt, and 'Mustang Meal'. Students are asked to report to the St. Rita Band Room, 7740 S. Western Ave., at 5 PM and enter the west entrance off parking lot. Event is free to grade school students. To register and for further information, call Band Director Cindy Gradek at 773-477-8009 or Admissions Director Mike Murtagh at 773-925-RITA.

Seven ways to achieve greater performance from employees

Chicago, September 23, 2002 - It's the question that's on every business owner's mind: How can I motivate my employees to contribute their best work? The answer is to create an environment in which employees are motivated to succeed and to reward them for their success. The Illinois CPA Society provides the following suggestions for enhancing employee performance and productivity.

1. Keep employees informed

Employees feel motivated when they understand how their work contributes to the organization as a whole. Letting employees know what is going on in the organization and industry helps fulfill this goal. Make every effort to keep your employees aware of sales forecasts and returns, earnings, new products and projects, competitive information, management changes, and emerging opportunities and challenges. Share the big picture. Demonstrate an alignment between personal and organizational goals.

2. Lead by example

Modeling the behavior you want from your employ-

ees is the most effective way to change behavior. If you want employees to demonstrate enthusiasm, be passionate about your job. If you want to encourage teamwork, be visible on teams. If you want employees to limit their lunch break to one hour, do the same.

3. Give workers control

Having input into how the job gets done is inspiring. Employees tend to be more creative and committed when they are given the freedom to make at least some decisions as to how the work should be done. Set high standards and give clear goals but let employees decide how to reach those goals. The more responsibility and decision-making latitude you allow employees, the more ownership and interest they will have. Accept the fact that they may make some mistakes. This is a normal part of the learning process.

4. Give them feedback

Employees need to know how they are performing. Nothing is worse than coming to work day after day and not having a sense of whether or not you're doing a good job. Hearing about your performance just once a year at

appraisal time isn't much better. Engage in regular goal and performance discussions with each employee.

Performance feedback helps people build on their strengths and resolve problems. Remember to praise in public, correct in private. If you are giving criticism, do it on a timely basis and use specific terms for improvement.

5. Celebrate achievements

Studies have shown that recognition and appreciation can energize employees more than money does. Publicize achievements on a regular basis and tailor your reward system to specific accomplishments. If you have one employee that sells 25 percent more than everyone else and you give that employee the same bonus as others, he or she isn't going to be particularly motivated to excel in the future.

6. Provide developmental opportunities

People like to learn. Discovering new and better ways to do things can ignite an employee's desire to perform. You can be a catalyst, one who sets the atmosphere that will encourage people to develop themselves. The

company's willingness to provide educational opportunities and pay for employees to attend technical or other professional education classes sends the message that the company truly values its employees.

7. Create an atmosphere of open communication

Talking to the boss is a great motivator. Give individuals the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns. To be sure people are comfortable coming to you; always treat what they say with respect, consistency and dependability.

Sustaining an environment where employees can motivate themselves is an ongoing process. When people feel appreciated, acknowledged, and respected, they'll give more of their time, effort, and commitment in return. Your job is to make that happen.

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Open Hearts, Open Minds

The First United Methodist Church, 94th St. & Homan Ave., Evergreen Park celebrates the theme of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors in the September Family Worship Services at 10:15 PM.

September 1, Labor Day, will feature Holy Communion for all who attend. A fellowship time is celebrated after each worship service.

On Rally Day, September 8, the Church School will start at 9 AM with classes for all ages, 4 years through adults. The Church School staff will be commissioned. All current educators and retired educators will be recognized and blessed. A special remembrance of 9/11 will be held.

In the evening on September 11, a special prayer service will be held to commemorate the event.

The theme for Sunday, September 15, is Hospitality with the all-church picnic

held after the worship service at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th & Laramie in Oak Lawn, starting at 12:30 PM. Participants should bring eating utensils and a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverage will be furnished. A jumping jack and games for all ages will be available.

Our doors are open on September 22 with a special Open House event. Each work area and committee in the church will have a display of activities sponsored. All people without a church home are invited to attend.

The fifth Sunday, September 29th is a day of celebration for children. A special healing service will be held.

Pastor Char Hoffman says, "Our doors are open to welcome all who wish to enter." For further information about church activities, call the church (708) 422-8451 and visit the church's website at <http://www.gbpm-umc.org/fumcep>.

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Healing from tragedy

Our Lady of the snows Council of Catholic Women will open its season on Monday, September 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. by attending a Healing from Tragedy prayer service in church, 4810 S. Leamington Avenue. After the special candlelight commemoration of September 11th, refreshments will be shared with the parish family, served by Guild #8, which includes Maria Urbanek, Natalie Gregor, Irene Halac, Rose Stancart, Sue Stancart.



Left to right: Evelyn Heiser, treasurer; Rose Stancart, secretary; Jeanne Aylward, vice-president; Juliann Murillo, president with C.C.W. moderator, Reverend Wacław Jamroz.

Dorothy Majersky and Jean Grygiel. The "get-acquainted evening will continue with a business/social meeting and a "choose your own prize" raffle.

Leadership for the 2002-2003 season will be shared by recently elected officers, Juliann Murillo, president; Jeanne Aylward, vice-president; Rose Stancart, secretary and Evelyn Heiser, treasurer. At the installa-

tion banquet, perfect attendance awards for 2001-2002 were presented to: Jeanne Aylward (14 Years), Rose Stancart (7 years), Jane Leski, Evelyn Heiser (4 Years), Dolores Sieple, Mildred Price and Penny O'Leary (3 Years), Theresa Castaneda, Annette Drzewiecki, Lorraine Gagnon, Jean Grygiel, Juliann Murillo, Lottie Trella, Jackie Warren, Barbara Zack and Theresa Zola (1 year).

Tickets for "Dinner is Served" will be available at the meeting for a \$3.00 donation. On October 7th, Irene Bigott will prepare and serve an updated dinner menu, present new products and menu ideas, distributing door prizes to all in attendance. Tickets will also be available after weekend Masses on September 21-22 and September 28-29, 2002. Plan to attend with a friend.

Lourdes Alumna invested as Sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis

Chicago—DeLaSalle Institute West Campus—Lourdes Hall is proud to announce that on August 3, 2002 at the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis Immaculata Congregational Home in Bartlett, Illinois, Ms. Kimberly Mulhearn was accepted to reception into the novitiate.

Ms. Mulhearn, now also known as Sister Kim, is temporarily residing at the novitiate house in South Bend, Indiana. Beginning in September, Sr. Kim will transfer to the Common Franciscan Novitiate in Joliet to begin her Cononical year, which is the first year of a two-year novitiate.

Sr. Kim's home is in Chicago and her parish in Our Lady of the Snows where she also attended elementary school. She graduated from Lourdes High School in May 1998. Lourdes High School closed at the end of the 2002 school year. Subsequently, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, who sponsored Lourdes High School, made a deci-

Evergreen seniors can subscribe to newsletter

The annual community edition of the Office of Citizens' Services NEWSLETTER is delivered in September. This edition contains information on OCS department services. To receive the OCS Newsletter by First Class Mail delivery, complete the 2003 subscription form included in this copy of the newsletter, and return it with your payment of \$4 to the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park. This subscription would expire December, 2003.

For those choosing to pick up the newsletter in person, we ask you to complete the registration form also, so that a sufficient amount of newsletter are available.

For further information, phone 422-8776.

sion to form a partnership with DeLaSalle Institute to open a new all girls high school in the Bridgeport community. This new facility, named DeLaSalle Institute West Campus-Lourdes Hall, is located at 1040 W. 32nd Place and is scheduled to open for the 2002/03 school year.

The entire DeLaSalle community congratulates Sr. Kim on her reception into the novitiate.

Marist opens its doors to women

Chicago, IL August 23, 2002 - After over a year of preparation and planning, Marist High School embarked on a new era when its doors opened to begin the 2002-2003 academic year: coeducation.

The class of 2006, the first class to include young women, arrived with excitement this morning as Marist High School entered "a new beginning" in its 39-year history. The freshmen class has a total of 503 students; 226 of those are young women. The full transition to coed will take place over a four-year period.

Cardinal Francis George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago, approved the school's request to change its mission from all-boys to coeducational on June 5, 2001. The approval of the Archdiocese came as a result of a three-year study conducted by the Marist High School Board of Directors in collaboration with Bishop John Gorman and the Office of Catholic Schools. The study indicated overwhelming community support to convert to a coeducational environment.

Since last summer, the school's administration and faculty have prepared to welcome young women with staff development initiatives focused on the varied learning styles of students, gender

District offers senior citizens free admission

Senior citizens who live in Community High School District 218 are eligible to receive a card granting them free admission to any school event at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Richards High School in Oak Lawn, and Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

The card grants them free admission to all athletic events, concerts and plays. Over the past 10 years, hundreds of area senior citizens have received cards.

To receive a card and calendar of events for the 2002-2003 school year, senior citizens should call Bob McParland at 708-424-2000, ext. 522.

sensitivity training, and a review of course offerings to ensure equality for all students. Facility renovations including the construction of the women's locker room and rest rooms, as well as two new softball fields, round out the foundation. Other building improvements include the restoration of the men's locker room, the creation of a visitor's locker room, the addition of a new computer classroom, and a complete technology infrastructure upgrade that networks the entire building.

Principal Larry Tucker looks forward to the future. "There is an electricity as I walk through the halls today - the students, teachers, and administrators have such energy for this new year," Tucker said. "What a great time to be at Marist."

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, 4200 West 115th Street, is a private Catholic school serving southwest Chicago and the surrounding area. Faculty and administrators are committed to providing young men and women with a college preparatory curriculum in a Catholic faith-based community rooted in the Marist tradition.

Military News

Army Pvt. Eric M. Droysen has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justness, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Nancy Cirella of S. Menard, Burbank, Ill.

Droysen is a 1994 graduate of Evergreen Park High School, and received a degree in 1999 from Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Heights, Ill.

Air Force Airman Marcus L. Farrell has arrived for duty at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M.

Farrell, a personnel apprentice, is the son of Marcia D. Farrell of 4918 W. 45th St., Chicago, Ill.

He is a 2000 graduate of Curie High School, Chicago.

Army 1st Sgt. Wade Pasquarella has deployed to Central Asia with the 82nd Airborne Divisions Aviation Brigade Task Force from Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. The soldier will participate in supporting the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Enduring Freedom is the official name given to the biggest U.S. military mobilization since the Gulf War in 1991. Members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been deployed and reserve components activated to support the war against global terrorism, combatting the internal terrorist network or regime forces outside of the United States.

Pasquarella is the son of Paul Pasquarella of S. Menard, Oak Lawn, Ill., and Judith A. Carlson of W. 167th St., Tinley Park, Ill.

His wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Frank and Adela Rosales of N.E. 177th St., North Miami Beach, Fla.

He is a 1999 graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

August 19, 2002, Marine Corps Cpl Daniel J. Schultz, son of Kathleen F. and James E. Schultz of 9941 Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill., recently reported for duty with 1st Stinger Battery, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

Air Force Airman Brian M. Ross has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Ross is the son of Donna Ross of 9704 S. Menard, Oak Lawn, IL, and is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Air Force Airman Michael K. Olbrecht has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Olbrecht is the son of Theodore Olbrecht of 5129 W. 22nd Place, Cicero, IL, and Helen Olbrecht of 4824 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL.

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World Music Company grand opening celebration

World Folk Music Company, recently relocated to 1808 West 103rd Street, Chicago, one block east of its original location in Beverly, will hold a Grand Open House, Saturday, September 14 from 10 AM to 10 PM to celebrate the new 5500 square-foot facility. The new home features nine private music lesson studios, two large rooms for group classes and ensembles, a 100 seat Concert Hall, expanded store space, instrument repairs, rentals and for purchase plus much more.

Event highlights include children's activities, face painting, a drum circle, instrument building, live musical presentations, demonstrations and special sessions for both children and adults. A 100-seat concert hall and expanded store space of instrument repairs, rentals and

purchases and CD's and music.

Teen and adult sessions include a drum circle, Irish Session, Guitar seminar on the styles of the Rock Masters, sample Suzuki violin lessons, computers and music, Celtic instrument demonstration and much more.

Live music performed in the new 100 seat Concert Hall located on the first floor includes folk singer, Anna Stange at 5 PM; Celtic band, Dyed in the Wool at 6 PM, Leadfoot, (bluegrass) at 7 PM and a Blues Jam featuring Paul Patrietiss many of the professional teachers of World Folk Music Company at 8 PM.

All performances and demonstrations are free of charge. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. No advance registration is required. For more information, call 773-779-7059.

Remember September 11th

St. Linus Church, (10300 South Lawler) Oak Lawn will commemorate September 11th in a special "Day of Remembrance."

The commemoration will begin with an at 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church for the school children. The church will remain open all day for quiet personal prayer, and for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. An evening Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. concluding the Benediction, and a procession outside of the church to the Shrine of the Holy Family, and the American flagpole, where a candlelight celebration will conclude the day. All are welcome. For more information, call Father Bill Coreoran, the pastor of St. Linus, at (708) 422-2400.

Paramount Arts Center Events

Estaban, a flamenco guitarist will perform on Friday, September 13th at 8:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$15/\$23/\$28. Gloria Gaynor will perform on Saturday, September 14th at 8:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$35/\$45. Stephen Schwartz & Friends will perform Saturday, September 28 at 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday September 29th at 2:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$25/\$35/\$45. David Cassidy is scheduled on Saturday, October 5th at 8:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$40/\$50/\$75. Richard Jeni will perform on Friday, October 11th at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15/\$20/\$30.

Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone with The Grass Roots and Gary Puckett will perform on Saturday, October 12th at 8:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$25/\$35/\$45. Gordon Lightfoot will perform on Friday, October 18th at 8:00

Southland Chamber PAC to hold candidate forum

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's Political Action Committee will hold a candidate forum on Tuesday, September 10, 2002, from 5-7 PM at Gino's Steak House, 16299 Wallace in Harvey.

All candidates - federal, state and local - are welcome to attend and bring literature.

The event, which will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, is open to the Chamber members as well as the public. A fee will be charged for non-members.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Patty Glomb at the Chamber office, 708/957-6950, ext. 124.

p.m. Tickets are \$30/\$35/\$40. The musical *Swing!* appears on Friday, October 25th at 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 26th at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45/\$50. Roger McGuinn will give an "unplugged" concert on Sunday, October 27th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20/\$25/\$28. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Paramount Arts Center box office at (630) 896-6666 or at any TicketMaster location. For a complete schedule of the 2002-2003 Paramount Arts Center events, visit the center's website at www.paramounts.com.

Flanagan's Wake at McAuley

Mother McAuley High School Fathers Club will sponsor the hilarious hit play, *Flanagan's Wake* on Saturday, September 14 at 7:00 PM. Join the villagers as they tell tales, sing songs and mourn the passing of their old friend Flanagan. Listen to his eulogy written by County Sligo's best-known author, Mickey Finn, and hope that the local pagan, Kathleen Moone, won't cast a spell on you. Mayor Martin O'Doul will preside over the proceedings as Flanagan's people try to decide what to do with the fabled Flanagan land.

The Noble Fool Theater Company's *Flanagan's Wake* is one of the longest-running plays in Chicago theater history. According to Brian Ballybunion, Flanagan's drinking mate, "We'll keep waking himself until we get it right."

The performance will be held in the school's theater. Tickets are \$25 and \$15 for Senior Citizens. Refreshments will be available before and after the play. All proceeds from the event will benefit student financial aid. For information or to purchase tickets, please call the Developments Office at 773-881-6557.

Active Senior Expo

Active Senior Expo, an event to "inform, educate, and entertain senior citizens", will be held on October 2, 2002 at Georgios Banquets, 8800 West 159th Street, Orland Park between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Regular admission is \$2.00, but free admission coupons are available on the web site www.activeseniorexpo.net. Parking is free. Exhibit space

organizations interested in reaching the senior market. For complete information, calls available for companies and Silver Star Expositions at (630) 620-6347. Fax: (630) 620-7991. activeseniorexpo@hotmail.com.

Orland Park Veterans' Assistance

The village of Orland Park will open a new Veterans' Assistance Office on Veterans Day, November 11, 2002, immediately following the Veterans Day ceremony at 11:00 a.m. Until the office officially opens in November, and information desk will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, on the first and third Mondays of each month. The dates are August 19th, September 16th, October 7th, October 21, and November 4th. On those Monday nights, veterans are encouraged to stop in to obtain information on the V.A. Health Care enrollment information and location of hospitals and clinics. For more information, call (708) 403-6203.

Oak Lawn Chamber to host luncheon

Oak Lawn, Illinois, August 21, 2002 - The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for their next monthly luncheon Tuesday, September 10 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Networking at 11:30 AM. Lunch at noon. The featured speaker will be Gary Korhonen, head football coach at Richards High School, sharing motivational and team building skills. During his 30 years at the school, Korhonen coached the Bulldogs to win two state championships. For lunch reservations, call 708-424-8300.

St. Rita names Mustangs for May

Senior Jason Downey (Chicago - West Lawn) received a full scholarship to the University of Chicago where he will attend in the fall.

Senior Keith Samansky (Oak Lawn) and will attend Moraine Valley in the fall.

Senior Javier Solorio (Chicago - West Lawn) will attend Lewis University on a scholarship in the fall.

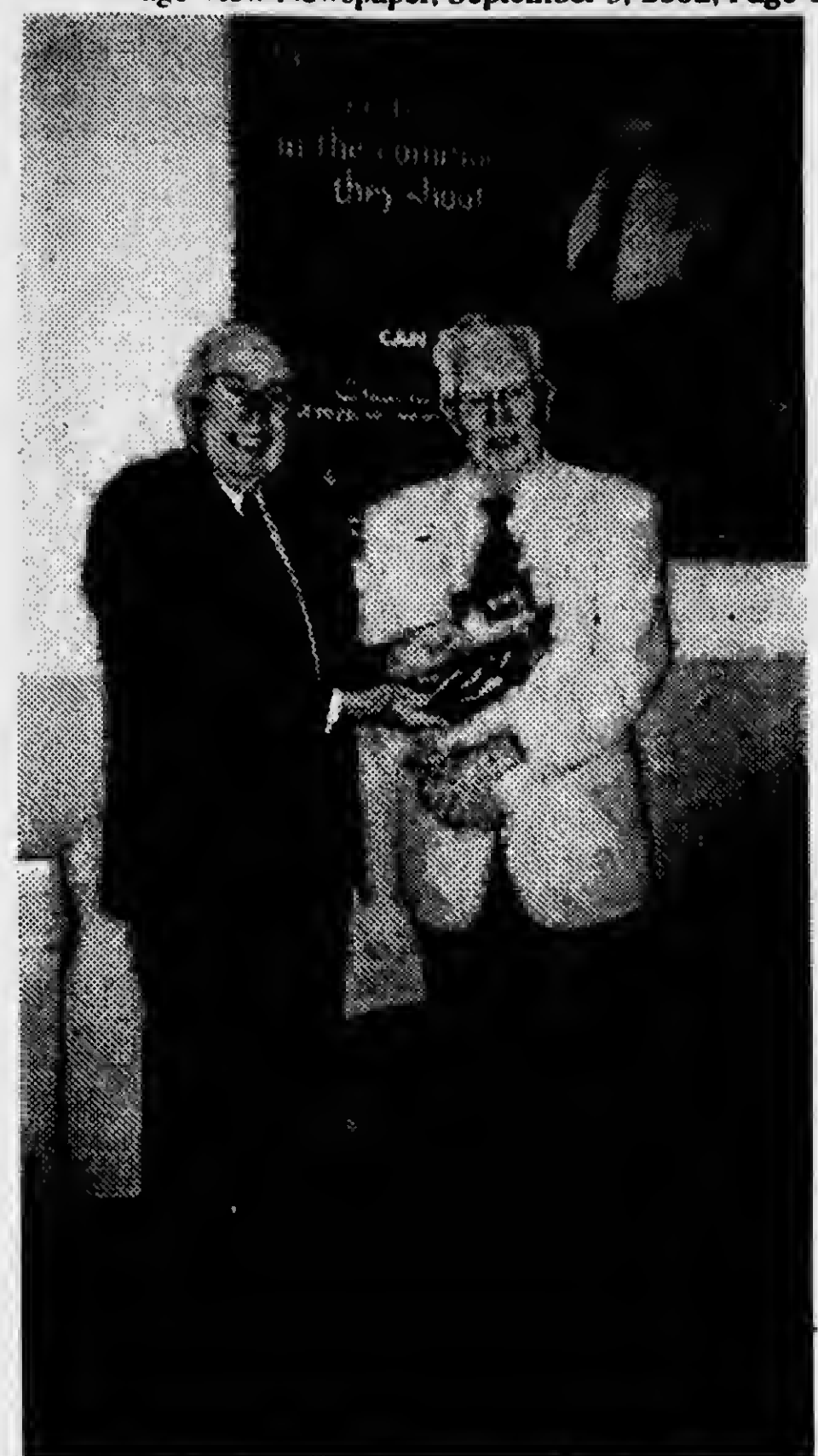
Junior Brandon (Chicago - Ashburn).

Sophomore Matthew Ryan (Chicago-Beverly) was ranked #1 of the sophomore class with a 4.67 GPA and is a current Heeney Award recipient for receiving straight A's.

Freshman Kevin Goshorn (Chicago-West Lawn) is currently on the Gold Honor Roll with a cumulative GPA.

Children's grief support program

The Heart Connection Program at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will hold a grief support group for children beginning on Monday, September 9 from 6:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at Little Company. For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department at (708) 229-5480, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Sterling "Red" Quinlan, Pioneer General Manager of WBKB is jostled by George O'Hare

Pioneer Broadcaster Sterling "Red" Quinlan 'Accentuates the Positive!'

Sterling "Red" Quinlan, Pioneer General Manager of WBKB (the original Balaban and KATZ TV Station), now known as WLS-TV Channel 7, will guest with George O'Hare on a special Chicago

access CAN-TV Senior Network Channel 19 program at 5:00 PM on Friday September 13, 2002, and on Sunday, September 15, 2002 at noon.

Sterling "Red" Quinlan is known as the creative innovator and developer of numerous careers and programs in the early 1950's, such as Tom Duggan, Steve Allen, Bob Newhart, 'Kukla, Fran and Ollie', Lee Phillips, Frank Reynolds, Norman Ross, Irv Kupcinet, Paul Harvey and many, many others.

This is a "must see" important history of early Chicagoland TV.

Embroiderers' Guild celebrates 30 years

The Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild will begin their 2002-2003 season with a Birthday Celebration on September 17th (Tuesday). It will be 30 years since the Guild was organized and much progress has been made with techniques and use of fibers.

The 9 AM program will be about our history. Members will be bringing projects from the past or an item from their first exhibit. The 7 PM meeting will also celebrate

this occasion.

The Guild has two groups: Day - 9 AM to noon, and evening - 7 PM to 9 PM. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at the Oak Lawn Center, 4625 W. 110th Street, Oak Lawn. Join us for birthday cake and find what we are about.

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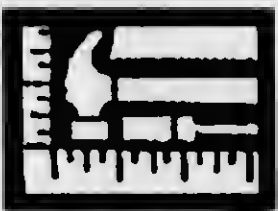
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Adult grief support program

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers offers "Living: When a Loved One has died," a highly respected support group series for adults beginning Wednesday, September 25 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and continuing for seven consecutive Wednesdays. A \$25.00 donation is asked of those who are able. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call the Pastoral Care Department at (708) 229-5480, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Evergreens schedule meetings

The Evergreens meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Auditorium of the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. This group is a social group, which meets "just for fun." New members are always

welcome. Annual dues are \$4, with a \$1.25 fee per meeting collected at the door to cover refreshments.

Future meeting dates include: September 4 - Split the Pot, and October 2 - Potluck (make your special dish—enough to share with 4).

Evergreen Park to hold remembrance ceremony for September 11

To mark the first anniversary of September 11 and to remember those who lost their lives, the Village of Evergreen Park will be holding a Remembrance Ceremony outside the Village Hall (near the flagpole at 94th & Kedzie) at 8:45 AM. The Reverend Joe Alfred from the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Evergreen Park will perform a brief ceremony and a color guard ceremony will be performed by the veterans from the American Legion Post 854 in Evergreen Park.

All are welcomed to attend this ceremony.

Evergreen hosts senior awards Luncheon

Make your reservations NOW for the Annual Marge Sturm Senior Volunteers Awards Luncheon, sponsored by the Senior Citizens' Council of Evergreen Park, which will be held Friday, September 27, at 1:00 PM in the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street. Tickets are available at the Office of Citizens' Services, Room 107. Tickets (\$7) must be obtained by September 23.

Outstanding senior volunteers from the area will be honored during the awards presentation following the luncheon.

For further information, phone 422-8776.

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O.L. Library offers Sept. 11th Tribute

During September, patrons of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., may visit a special exhibit honoring the heroes and victims of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Located at their book checkout desk, the display features a complete listing of the more than 3,000 people who perished and asks viewers to reflect on those lost lives.

This patriotic exhibit was created by library employee, Mathew Nowak, to express his own spirit of remembrance. He is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and currently attending the University of Illinois at Chicago.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

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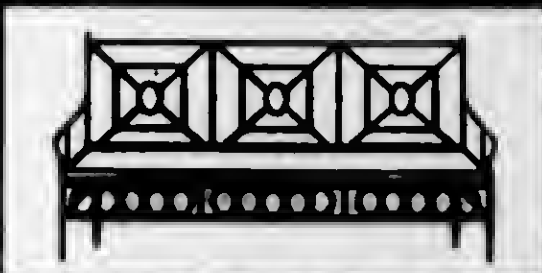
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acy. The program includes cereal box offers for critically acclaimed children's books, monetary support for national literacy initiatives and a variety of resources to help families make reading a priority. To kick off the initiative, best-selling author Judy Blume, who has sold more than 75 million books worldwide, returned to her childhood school. After touring Fienberg-Fisher Elementary in Miami Beach, where she attended third and fourth grades, Blume read aloud from her book, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, and discussed the importance of childhood reading.

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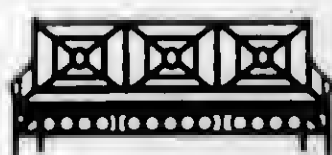


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The Back to School Report Card is In: The Plaza Stores Earn Straight A's from Students of Shopping

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Famous Makers Spell S-T-Y-L-E

Whether you're outfitting pre-schoolers, middle-schoolers, high-schoolers or college students, the kids are looking for a spelling lesson from their favorite designers. "A" is for Akademiks Jeanius Level Products at **Belvidere Blues**. Shop for jeans, sweats, shirts, shoes and more in brands that include Akademiks, Sean Jean, Ecco and other. At **Man Alive** and **Man Alive North** shop for a variety of your favorite titles: Fubu and Fubu Ladies, Rocawear, Phat Farm, Timberland, Pelle Pelle and others. **The Lark** and **Lady Lark** make a statement with jeans, sweats and coordinates in fashionable labels that include Sean John, Pelle Pelle and Marithe Francois Girbaud.

FOR THE YOUNGER READER...

Kid's Choice offers jeans, T-shirts, caps and clothes for the younger student in brands such as Nautica, Guess and Levi's. **Club Soda** bubbles up with small time versions of big kid clothes from Guess, Baby Guess, Sean John, and others. Already available are smart choices in winter wear: sweats, sweaters and coats.

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From Telling Time to Adding Up Values

Get your students off to school on time with a watch from **Dakota Watch Co.** Brands include Dakota, Bergenger and Timex, and styles range from high style dress wear to sports wear and everything in between. Keep your little ones watching the minutes with a character watch: Choose Winnie the Pooh, Powerpuff Girls, Scooby Doo, Tweety or even Britney Spears. Back-to-school values are offered in lots of The Plaza stores and that adds up to smart shopping for the youngsters in the family! Check out the values at children's clothing stores such as **Fiddlestix** for dress and casual clothes from infants to middle-schoolers, **The Children's Place** for affordable and durable clothing in a variety of coordinated colors and styles for children size 4 to 14, and **Rainbow Kids** where small sizes equal teen styles, including little leathers.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

The Topic is Teens

Individuality earns the highest honors with high schoolers and college students, and The Plaza stores offer the styles and statements teens are shopping for. Test **Lerner** for the romance of the Shakespearean stage in stark black and white with feminine flounces and ruffles. **Rainbow Shoes & Clothes** offers a variety of casual and dress clothes, uniforms and shoes in junior and plus sizes. From form-fit to feminine, shop **Strawberry** for low slung jeans and slacks, as well as belts and accessories. **Rave** offers the latest styles in graphic tees and tanks, plus jeans and fun and funky sweaters. The poetry of peasant style shirts is recited with hot colors and sculpted necklines at **Deb**. Add sparkle and spunk to jeans with studs and rhinestones at **Simply Fashion**.

IN CHARACTER

Get hip with the latest colors and scenes in T'bone vs. Tubby T-shirts, shorts, jeans and extras at **New York Hot Stuff**. Slip into character at **Payless** and **Payless Kids** with shoes and bookbags that feature Powerpuff Girls, SpiderMan and more.

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Orland Park Board approves property tax rebates

by Jude Coyle

On August 18, Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin presented a Community Pride Award to Christopher Frazzini. At a July 4th pool party, Christopher saved his sister Amy's life by pulling her from the bottom of a pool. Three police officers responded when a call for help was made. They were Commander Greg Okon, Officers Wayne Lee and Henry Schonfeld. "Christopher handled this himself," Commander Okon said.

At that meeting, the Board passed an ordinance establishing a 50% rebate of the Village's share of property taxes. Trustee Schussler expressly wanted residents to understand checks will be issued on or about 3/15/03 only to those applications filled out properly and accompanied by the proper paperwork. If instructions aren't followed exactly, the checks could pass before correct are made and checks are issued.

The consent agenda was

passed. It contained items such as increasing class B liquor licenses by 1. That license will be granted to The Twisted Vine Wine Emporium. The speed limit was increased to 30 miles per hour on Ravinia between 144th Place and 147th Street. No parking signs will be posted behind MoJoe's on 94th. The Village will donate 39 Motorola portable police radios and accessories to Iron County Michigan Sheriff's Department, Crystal Falls, Michigan. \$25,717.20 was transferred from the Village Insurance fund to purchase a 2002 Chevy Impala for the Police Department. The 13500 block of Circle Drive will have two signs reading, "No on street parking Monday thru Friday from 7 AM to 11 AM."

Removed from the consent agenda was an item concerning procurement cards for employees of the Parks and Recreation Department. A limited number of employees would be allowed

to the cards at a limited number of stores. The dollar amount would be limited, as well as the purpose of the purchases. This would be a six month trial program, hopefully eliminating a large number of cash advances given for excursions or events. Supervisors would no longer have to track down receipts once cash advances were spent. It would also result in paying vendors more quickly for their wares.

The issue was met with confusion. Trustee O'Halloran didn't grasp the need, and Trustee Fenton didn't know why so many employees needed cards. In spite of assurances from Trustees Schussler and Dodge that this was only a trial program that would hopefully lead to a better money tracking system, to move to provide the cards was defeated.

Moraine Valley's Student Life Office, this Festival is the 16th annual gathering of British car enthusiasts. The 2001 British Car Festival drew more than 2,000 people and featured a variety of more than 700 British automobiles. The festival will present British cars ranging from 1928 to present, including Austin, Austin-Healey, Bentley, DeLorean, Triumph, MG, Lotus, Morris, Morgan, Jaguar, Jensen-Healey, Mini-Cooper, Sunbeam, Aston Martin, Daimler, Cortina, Land Rover, Riley, Rolls Royce, and TVR.

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Left to Right: Attorney General Jim Ryan, Marie Ryan, Larry O'Brien.

Attorney General Jim Ryan and his wife thanked Director Larry O'Brien of the Glenn Miller Orchestra for an excellent musical performance.



The 16th annual British Car Festival will take place on the Moraine Valley campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills on Sunday, September 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 800 British cars and cycles are expected to arrive at the college for the festival.

admission will be accepted to support Moraine Valley scholarships.

For more information about the British Car Festival at Moraine Valley, contact Wally Fronczek, assistant dean of Student Life and

Judicial Affairs, at (708) 974-5372. For more information about the British Car Union, visit its Website at www.qth.com/bcu, or call Bill Kowalski at (630) 650-3434.

Moraine Valley to host 16th annual British Car Festival

Moraine Valley's campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills, will become an outdoor showroom for the 16th annual British Car Festival on Sunday, September 8. More

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Worth Village Board discusses new truck ordinances and building court

by Jude Coyle

Trustee Georgia Prendergast asked the Worth Village Board to hear from residents about how the new truck ordinance had impacted them. "We make the laws here," she said. "We can unmake them and we can re-define the... We erred... In our earnestness to solve a problem we created one."

Ordinance 02-12 makes it illegal to park second division vehicles; busses, tow trucks, commuter vans designed to carry more than 10 passengers, road tractors, semitrailers, special hauling vehicles, truck tractors, medical transports, some recreation vehicles, and limousines on residential property.

Police Chief Patrick O'Connor asked for the ordinance after receiving complaints. During winter months large engines must be kept warm. Neighbors have complained about truckers leaving their engines running throughout the night. Other complaints had to do with truckers beginning their day at 3 AM, and starting engines then. Neighbors had com-

plained of engine parts scatter about lawns during repairs, and about how unsightly it is to peer out a kitchen window into a truck window.

"I don't want to be dead in the middle of a truck terminal," Joyce Williamson said. She reminded all that tractor/trailers are over weight and causing streets to crack.

Burt Travis said that he parked his truck every night for 14 years in his driveway. "I don't cause a problem and my neighbors agree." He was concerned about the cost of parking elsewhere, and the extra time it would take away from his family.

Elaine Hicks said her son drives a truck. "My house is beautiful," she said. "Go after the ones running their engines all night... Or the ones with leaking gas tanks."

Rick K. said he's parked his diesel tow truck behind his house and out of sight. "Why after this many years," he said, "should I give this up now?"

Nancy R. wanted to know if the trustees had checked

ordinances in other towns. Yes, Trustee Wierenga did. Of 18 towns, sixteen have ordinances. Bridgeview charges \$250 a month to residents with trucks, and Justice charges \$175. Evergreen Park allows trucks to be parked on residential property, but only if they're kept out of sight. Companies like Schroeders and Material Services offers their lots to truckers for a monthly stipend.

Other comments followed. Trustee Rhein reminded everyone that an ordinance was passed in January, '95 limiting weight on Village streets between 107th and 111th, Ridgeland and Harlem to 7000 pounds.

"Bottom line," Joyce Williamson added, "You can't get to your homes without using the roads. The roads are breaking down. They're (the trucks) are too heavy. Whose going to pay (to fix the roads) for this?"

Mayor Guzdziol called an end to the discussion saying, "I understand there's people on both sides."

Trustees discussed deal-

ing with the truck situation on a case-by-case basis. "I prefer as a policeman," Chief O'Connor said, "to look at an ordinance and enforce it." He felt that to address this in that manner was too difficult to enforce. "To be honest with you, my specific issue is answering complaints."

A class H vehicle, O'Connor explained, weighs 15,001 pounds empty. He prefers to restrict class H vehicles, stop truckers from running engines all night, or tow truck drivers from moving vehicles or dropping vehicles in their driveways during the late night hours.

Trustee Prendergast moved to reconsider or write the ordinance.

Another issue to strike chords with the Board is establishing a housing court. Trustee Prendergast commented that she had seen housing court in operation in Blue Island and was impressed. She felt that if properly run, it could be a wonderful asset to a community. She was concerned that the person hearing cases was well versed onto only in the

law, but in building codes. She didn't want to vote for establishing a housing court until she knew who would hear the cases and what their background was.

P-tickets, which are infraction to the Village code, and cases dealing with building code violations are now heard at the Bridgeview court house. P-tickets are heard on the same day and by the same judge as traffic violations.

Building Commissioner Bruce Zartler expressed his frustration. "Bridge view, doesn't want to deal with issues important to us."

He described an incident where a local restaurant was cited several times for leaving food out. The judge in Bridgeview asked if the restaurant was in compliance that day. Because it was, the case was dismissed.

Another time an apartment building owner was cited for not shoveling snow. He had the case continued until May. Again, because he was in compliance on that day, the case was thrown out.

Simply, Zartler wanted a system in which ordinance

complaints would be heard in Worth while building code violations would still be heard at Bridgeview.

Trustee Prendergast said she understood now what he wanted. Attorney W. Grant Farrar was instructed to draw up an ordinance. He promised to write so that overlaps and omissions would be eliminated.

Putting It All Together

Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, 12312 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Park offers a class for adults entitled "Putting It All Together: What Does Christianity Have to Do with Everyday Life?" led by Drew Blankman as part of Christian Education Hour beginning Sunday, September 8 at 9:15 AM.

Noah's Ark, David and Goliath, Daniel in the lions' den, the feeding of the 5,000 - you know the Bible stories and believe they're true, but what do they have to do with real life in the twenty-first century?

This class will help you answer questions like these as we explore how Christianity relates to entertainment, work, play, education, sports, family, media and community.

Classes for children and youth are also being offered at 9:15 AM Sunday mornings. Nursery care is provided. For more information please contact the church office at 708-448-5220.

Volunteers needed!

South West Special Recreation Association, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing year-round quality recreation programs and services for individuals with disabilities or special needs, is looking for volunteers ages 16 & up to assist with fall programs.

South West Special Recreation Association offers a variety of recreational programs for children and adults with disabilities. Some of the programs offered are: Swim Lessons & Aquatics, Bowling, Adult Fitness Classes, Social programs, Special Olympic Softball, Trips and Special Events and so much more!

For more information contact South West Special Recreation Association at (708) 389-9423

Oak Lawn Public Library Open Sundays

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will resume Sunday hours on September 15, which are 1 PM to 5 PM.

Regular hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 9 PM; Friday and Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM.; and Sunday, 1 PM to 5 PM, mid-September through mid-May.

Jeff Skibins will speak at Southside Garden Novices meeting.

The Southside Garden Novices invite you to attend their meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 7 PM in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland; enter on the east side of the building. The speaker will be Jeff

Skibins, of the Morton Arboretum, who will speak on what's new there, as well as some of the classes they offer. It promises to be an interesting evening.

The meeting is open to the public; nonmembers charge is \$2. For more information, call 708/636-7931.

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Village Board approves new construction and safeguards for West Nile Epidemic

By Kevin Plienis

A five-unit condominium building on 97th S. McVicker will be built behind C&L Lighting. The vote was passed 4-2 by the Oak Lawn Village Board on Sept. 10. Many residents expressed their strong disapproval at the meeting.

Residents complained that this will not only effect the the real estate value of their homes but it take away the traditional look of the area. Residents also expressed safety concerns for the 140 grade school children who will pass the new condominium building to and from school.

After their appeal was denied, residents stormed out of the board room with contempt and disbelief. "Our children mean nothing to you,"

shouted one woman as she left the Board room.

Oak Lawn Village Manager Joe Faber explained that this is a standard zoning layout which many other communities utilize. The model for this layout encompasses a commercial property followed by a multi-family residence and a single-family home behind that.

In this structure, the five-unit condominium is in the lot directly behind C&L Lighting on Southwest Highway. A single-family home will be on the lot behind the five-unit condominium.

The Board also voted 5-1 to install a cul de sac on the 4800 block of west 96th place. This will help control traffic for the upcoming Pizza Hut Restaurant located at

9624 S. Cicero Avenue.

The owner of the property and her attorney said they will appeal because this has been ongoing for 14 months and it has cost them a substantial amount of money for additional parking spaces.

"If that was passed last year when the offer was made we would have taken care of that," said the owner.

The owner agreed to make some undetermined amount towards the cul de sac but not half the amount originally proposed by the Board.

From a national to local level, Trustee Ronal M. Stancik addressed the growing concern of the West Nile Virus in Oak Lawn.

"I think West Nile is rampant in Oak Lawn," said Stancik. "We haven't seen a crow in

Oak Lawn in three to four months," said Stancik.

Although steps are currently being taken to diminish the West Nile threat Stancik wants to call a January meeting with the South Suburban Mosquito Ebatment District with the Board to find out what they will do in 2003. "We're going to treat this as a potential disease," said Stancik. Faber said that residents can pick up a flyer which lists the numbers for the South Suburban Mosquito Ebatment District and the Cook County Department of Health.

The South Suburban Mosquito Ebatment District informs the public of what they are doing to stop the spread of the West Nile Virus. The Department of Public Health addresses the disease prevention of the virus.

Historical Society

The Mt. Greenwood Historical Society invites you to our monthly meeting to be held on Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:45 p.m. at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie.

Free copies of "The Living History of Mount Greenwood" 95th anniversary booklet will also be available at the meet-

year. During high rains, it will collect run off, hopefully relieving flooding the surrounding Hickory Hills area and Justice. The land will be cleared, the detention area deepened, and seeded. Grants for construction will be provided by the Department of Natural Resources and DECCA.

Mr. John Furano, attorney for Capital Acquisitions answered questions posed to him by Aldermen concerning plans to convert the apartment building at 9421 S. Roberts Road to condos.

This is the last of four identical buildings to be converted. All are about forty years old and were built by the same builder. The other three buildings were converted within the last four years.

Attorney Furano explained that appliances and cabinets throughout the building had been replaced. Two-bedroom units would cost between \$85,000 to \$95,000. One-bedroom units would run \$60,000.

Alderman Potacki asked about two issues he found dissatisfying. First was the matter of parking. With 12 units to sell, there is only room for 19 or twenty parking slots, less than the required 2 per unit. Expanding a side drive for parking would provide three more, still less than

ing or request your copy by e-mail mighistorical@yahoo.com. Requests for the anniversary booklet must include your name and address. Please limit one booklet per address. Reserved booklets may be picked up at the Mt. Greenwood Library during regular hours.

required. Attorney Furano explained that units in the other three buildings sold mostly to singles and seniors, most of who had one vehicle. When selling the units, it would be expressly written into the contract that the buyer would be assigned only one spot.

When prodded by Alderman Potacki about converting two 1-bedroom units to 2-bedroom units, Attorney Furano declared that would be impossible as the laundry room separated those units. "We can't do without a laundry room," Furano said. "Besides you've already set a precedent by allowing the other buildings to convert."

The vote to accept the finding of fact by the Zoning Commission and allow the project to continue passed by a vote of five to 1. Alderman Potacki voted nay.

Mosquito abatement companies have been hired, Mayor Faddis explained. They are continuing to spray each night. Both companies are using a chemical called anvil, which is derived from flowers. It is all-natural, and is effective on adult mosquitoes. Chemicals, pellets and such used to kill larva are dangerous to wildlife. Because some of the retention ponds, like the one at 87th and Roberts Road, have been stocked with fish, the City is not using pellets. Instead, Public Works employees are skimming ponds by hand when they see mosquito larva.

H.H.P.D. to run simulations

By Jude Coyle

At the September 12th City Council Meeting, Hickory Hills police Chief Al Vodika described plans for a simulated high-risk critical emergency. Students at Conrady Jr. High will have a half of day of school on September 20. Once dismissed, the Hickory Hills Police Department, North Palos and

Roberts Park Fire Protection Districts, faculty, staff and administrators of School District 117 will enact a possible school shooting and hostage situation.

"We want to see how they handle the situation and interact with each other," Chief Vodika explained. "We ran security

analysis before. And have practiced high-risk situations in vacant buildings and such. This will be our simulation of this size."

Also of importance, Alderman Riley moved to purchase two lots at 83rd Street and 85th Court. The City has already purchased a lot at 8430 85th Court. This will become

the Woodland Hills Detention Pond.

"It makes sense," Major Jack Faddis explained. "It's the natural low point of the area. We can never build there again."

Like Alsip, Palos Hills and Oak Lawn has done with similar property, the land will serve as an open green space most of the

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The Illinois Department of Aging Award

Margo E. Schreiber, Director of the Illinois Department of aging presented John Garcia, a south Chicago resident, the IDA 2002 award for

his many contributions to the Hispanic community of Illinois. Garcia, also active in Our Lady of Guadalupe parish and school for over 40 years, organizes many events including fundraisers that benefit the school and youth programs.

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Alderwood Group remembers 9-11

By Jude Coyle

"When John Kennedy died, when Martin Luther King, Jr. died, when the Challenger exploded, when the planes hit the Twin Towers and later the Pentagon, and when the plane crashed in Pennsylvania, I remember exactly where I was when I heard the news," Police Chief Joseph Kosman said. On Saturday, September 7th he addressed a group assembled at Beverly Cemetery to remember the 9-11 tragedy. "We were riveted to our TV sets," Kosman spoke of the professionals who gave their lives that day, and how those same men would do it again. "And let's not forget the civilians," Kosman instructed.

On September 7, the three cemeteries on Kedzie in Alsip, Beverly, Lincoln and Oak Hill held simultaneous remembrance ceremonies. At each ceremony, a monument was unveiled commemorating the actions of police and firefighters, and plaques were presented to representatives from neighboring municipalities. Police Chief Joseph Kosman and Fire Chief David Haywood accepted a plaque on behalf of City of Blue Island At Lincoln Cemetery. Mayor Irene Brody accepted a plaque on behalf of the Village of Robbins.

"We've had this planned since May," Deborah Kampstra, Administrator of Beverly Cemetery explained.

The Alderwood Group owns all three cemeteries, and 9 others in Chicago and Northern Illinois. Ceremonies were conducted throughout the weekend of the 7th, and into the following at all their cemeteries.

At Beverly Cemetery, the Eisenhower High School ROTC raised the American flag, the State flags of New York and Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia flag, the police and fire department and EMS flags. Yolanda Carmichael and Norma Jackson sang. Officers Ismael Haro, Joseph Cistaro, Deputy Chief Tom Pagliarucco of the Blue Island Police Department, and Fire Fighter James DiNovo and Fire Protection Officer Robert Cop of the Blue Island Fire Department acted as color guards.

Reverend Henry Vellinga prayed. Randy West read his poem about 9-11. Two planes flown by members of the Chicago DODO Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen soared over head.

Officer Larry Harrison of the Cook County Police shared his memories of duties he performed at Ground Zero. He talked about how, as part of the security team at the command center, he escorted family members to and from a boat that took them to Ground Zero. He particularly remembered the haunted expressions family members wore on their return.

Officer Harrison told a story about a fire lieutenant whose men switched his pants as a practical joke. When the call came in, the lieutenant missed the truck as he couldn't get his pants on on time. That lieutenant was the only man at his house to survive. "He has to live with that for the rest of his life," Officer Harrison said.

"I'm glad I went..." Harrison said. "We never had to deal with terrorism when we grew up. Our kids will have to deal with it everyday... It was rough then. (Speaking of 9-11 and the aftermath.) It's rough now... Firemen and police are trained to go in without thinking about the ramifications..."

Officer Harrison thanked Sheriff Michael Sheehan who committed five officers to help with the clean up at Ground Zero. Officer Harrison estimated that 75 to eighty officers in all traveled to New York. He went during the second week. "I was one of the fortunate ones," he said about being allowed to participate.

Cook County Sheriff's Police Officer Frank Doronzo and Inspector Ted Stajura, also part of teams who had traveled to New York, spoke at Oak Hill Cemetery. Father Andrew Harrison of St. Luke's Orthodox Church in Palos offered prayers. Sergeant

Phil Contreras of the Blue Island Police Department dedicated the monument.

At Lincoln Cemetery, Mr. Jose Armadore of the Robbins Police Department had lost his sister, Janet Armadore, in the collapse of the Twin Towers. He represented the thousands who lost family members on September 11th. Deputy District Chief Cortez Holland, Battalion Chief Nick Russell and Lt. Annette Nance Holt of the Chicago Fire Department spoke. A Harold White of True Life Baptist Church of Chicago offered prayers.

What you should know to protect yourself from the West Nile Virus

Signs and Symptoms:

A mild infection includes flu-like symptoms: fever, headache, and body aches, with an occasional skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. The mild infection will usually last only a few days.

Tips and Techniques:

Get rid of old tires, paint cans and any source that may have standing water in it. Change the water in bird baths and pet food dishes daily. Maintain proper pool chemical levels.

Protecting yourself:

When possible wear long-sleeved clothes and long pants treated with repellents containing permethrin or DEET. Use repellants with 35 percent DEET contents for adults. Use a repellent with 10 percent DEET content or less for children (ask your child's pediatrician first.) Lastly, stay indoors during peak mosquito hours, if possible (dawn, dusk, and early evening). For more information visit <http://www.cdc.gov/> Also, you can contact your local health department or call one of the public inquiry numbers. For English call 1-888-246-2675; for Spanish call 1-888-246-2857; TTY call 1-866-874-2646.

Story time at Chicago Ridge Public Library

Chicago Ridge Public Library announces its Fall, 2002 Story Times. Registration for Chicago Ridge residents will begin Monday, September 9, and for nonresidents on Wednesday, September 11. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis only, and group sizes are limited.

Toddler Time for two-year-olds and a parent will be offered by the Chicago Ridge Public Library. The Fall Session will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and again at 10:00 AM, beginning on Tuesday, October 1, continuing through November 19, 2002.

Story Time for 3, 4, and 5 year olds will be offered by the Chicago Ridge Public Library. The Fall Session will begin on Wednesday evening, October 2, continuing through November 20, and will meet from 6:30-7:15 in the evening. Story Time sessions will be repeated on Thursday mornings from

9:30-10:15 from 10:30-11:15, and on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:15. This group will begin on October 3, and will continue through November 21, 2002.

Story Hour for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders will be offered by the Chicago Ridge Public Library. The Fall Session will begin on Thursday, October 3, and will continue through November 21, 2002. The sessions will meet from 3:30-4:30.

Story Time is a great way to give your child the extra enrichment he or she needs. It is an opportunity for developing appropriate social interaction skills in the library environment. The library is also a wonderful place for developing language skills. For more information on Story Times, contact the Library at 423-7753.

Fall into Healthy Eating Habits

Fall is officially here and we are experiencing cooler days and nights. What does that mean? Cold and flu season will soon be upon us. One way to safeguard yourself from illness is to eat right. Lakeshore Athletic Club dietitian has a few tips on how to improve your diet to combat colds and flu.

1) Stay Hydrated. "Since it is colder outside, many people don't feel the need to drink as many fluids as they did in the summer," said Heather Hirsch, registered dietitian, Lakeshore Athletic Club. "It is still important to drink plenty of water and juices; it helps to flush germs out of the body."

2) Eat Seasonal Foods. Take advantage of seasonal fruits and vegetables, they have more vitamins and nutrients than other foods available at that time. Apples, squashes and sweet potatoes are all examples of foods that hit

their peak in the fall. There is also an abundance of broccoli and green beans.

3) Take a daily dose of Vitamin C. "Make a small glass of orange juice or an orange a part of your breakfast each morning," said Hirsch. "This will provide you with much needed vitamin C to help boost your immune system and fight off colds."

Jews for Jesus

For most people, Jews and Jesus go together like matzo balls and Christmas. If you agree with that notion, Jew's for Jesus' music team, The Liberated Wailing Wall, is out to prove you wrong. This group of traveling musical missionaries will be coming to Chicago on Friday, Sept. 27 and presenting a program of music, drama and testimony at Ashburn Baptist Church, 3647 W. 83rd St. at 7 p.m.

Jew for Jesus developed Jewish gospel style music over two decades ago. They wanted music with a harmony and rhythm that could blend their Jewishness with a message proclaiming Jesus as Messiah. Jews for Jesus say they were surprised and delighted to find that others enjoyed their minor key music.

Liberated Wailing Wall team leader Ronna Cohen says, "Our music reflects many styles of Jewish and Christian worship. We use a variety of instruments to achieve our sound, including

piano, guitar, violin, and dunbek (Middle Eastern drum). Some songs capture the poignant longing that has been a part of our synagogue worship throughout the ages. Some are in the style of Eastern European Klezmórim. Others are bursting with the same joyful exuberance you expect to find at an American Jewish wedding. All the lyrics are taken from the Bible--the Hebrew scriptures as well as the New Testament portion."

Fall Festival with the Animals

The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, will hold its 60th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Once inside, you can purchase tickets for hayrack rides, horse rides and pony-cart rides and games for younger children to play. "Crossfire" will provide live country music and the barns will be open to visit the animals. We'll also have food for sale, a bake sale and a Farmers Market with pumpkins and cornstalks. Craft, collectible and flea market vendors will be there. For more information, please call the Center at (708) 361-3650

Saving for College

Suellen Savant Hawking, a Certified Financial Planner with Savant Investment Advisers, will present a seminar on choices for funding higher education at the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m. Paying for college has never been more challenging, but saving for college is easier with next tax advantage saving plans. Determine which vehicles are most appropriate for your family and financial situation including Uniform Transfer to Minors Accounts, Education IRAs, 529 Savings Plans, and Prepaid Tuition Plans. For more information or to register call, (708) 422-8522

Back-To-School Picture Bingo

Join us at the Evergreen Park Public Library for Back-to-School Bingo on Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Children, preschool and up, please register by calling 422-8522. You can win cool school supplies while playing bingo with a back-to-school theme.



Judges talk Law at Community in Focus Event

Judges David Riley Donnersberger and Daniel J. Lynch, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, recently appeared on "Community in Focus", hosted by Ed McElroy at AT&T Broadband Cable Television, Channel 43, which covers the Southwest area of Cook

County.

The Judges discussed the proceedings of Judicial Call in the Criminal Law Division at the Daley Center, where Judge Donnersberger presides, and the 5th District, Bridgeview, where Judge Lynch presides.

Pictured, left to right, Ed McElroy, who has been on

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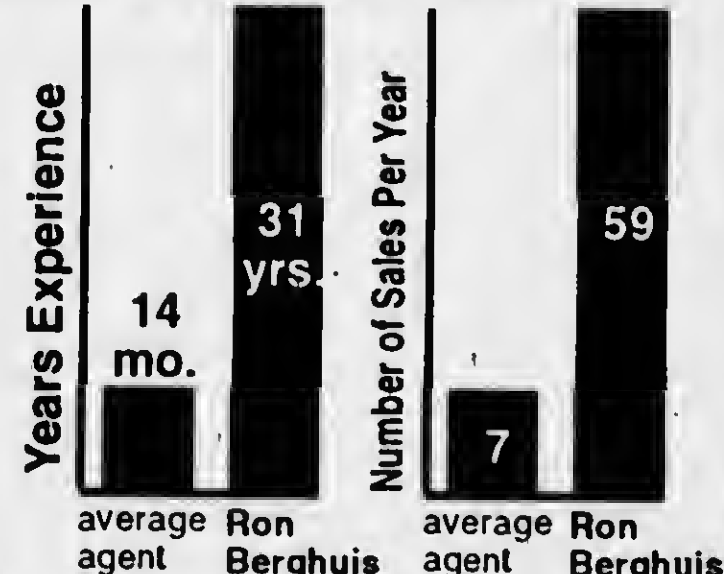
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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity

Sign of the times

Crop signs, those intricate works of art found in wheat and corn fields both here and overseas, have been given extensive publicity lately. Are they hype or hoax? They are definitely cropping up more frequently than ever before, and there is a huge debate on whether, at least, some could be attributed to extra terrestrials--being not of this world. Crop circles are indeed intriguing, which explains why Mel Gibson's new movie, 'Signs', has achieved phenomenal success at the box office.

Signs entertains the audience with the feasibility that aliens could be among us, creating crop signs as tools to help them navigate through our world. We were in attendance at the Saturday matinee showing of 'Signs'. We sure didn't need a critic to tell us that this fantasy film would be this summer's super hit. A half an hour before showtime the theater filled up faster than you can say, "ny. It was an interesting

favorite Martian." It was an interesting movie, giving us a diversion to the reality of what is really happening here on planet earth. As we munched on popcorn we contemplated the possibility of encountering hostile aliens. At least it got our minds off the hostile fanatics that are disrupting our sense of security. It was a good movie with the flexibility to have you jumping out of your seat one minute, and laughing at the antics of the earthlings the next, because you just knew that, in the same circumstance, you'd behave exactly the same way.

The movie also had some thought provoking points - such as the revelation that everything happens for a reason, that what is meant to be will be, and that eventually life works out just as it is suppose to. Leaving the theater that Saturday afternoon, I wasn't at all surprised to see an especially long line of people waiting to see the next showing. We humans like to be mesmerized by the mysterious. It's in our nature to be captivated by what we can't possibly understand so that we can, try as we might, make some sort of sense out of the obscure.

'Signs' did not provide any clear cut answers to the dilemma of who or what is responsible for the elaborate crop designs that show up over night. But it did give me

something to think about. Let's say there are aliens trying to communicate from beyond this world. If they got a chance to witness the bloodshed and carnage that spills from the destruction of humans who cannot even manage to live peacefully, side by side, I wonder if they'd pack up their space ships and race to the shelter of the outer limits. For sure, E.T. would be phoning home in a hurry. If aliens are of a higher intelligence, even they would know better than to be a part of this twilight zone era on earth, where homicide bombers randomly kill innocent people and terrorists dedicate their lives to creating chaos in the world. Signs definitely pushes a few buttons, and that's a good thing, especially if you're in the mood for a cosmic adventure.

Evergreen Park Senior Citizens' Council Fund-Raiser

Senior Citizens' Council of Evergreen Park will benefit by a Shop & Share fundraiser on September 23, 24 and 25 at all Jewel-Osco Stores. Shopping at Jewel-Osco any of those days gives five percent of one's total purchased, donated by Jewel-Osco, to the Senior Citizens' Council.

The Evergreen Park Senior Citizens' Council will use the money generated towards the Evergreen Park Mini-Bus, which provides transportation for seniors and disabled adults of Evergreen Park. Participants will need a Shop & Share identification slip, which is available at Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St.

Learn about acupuncture at Ingalls

Learn how Acupuncture may be "just what the doctor ordered" to treat, or complement medical treatment, or your illness, injury or behavioral problems. The Ingalls Wellness Center is presenting a FREE lecture by Chun-Lei Tsai, L.Ac., on Wednesday, September 18 at 7 PM in the conference room. Call (708) 206-0072 to make your reservation.

The fifth Annual Moraine Valley Kids Fair

Moraine Valley Community College and the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will host their fifth annual Kids Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. The free event will take place on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. "The event is designed to recognize and support Illinois Children's Culture, Health and Safety Day," said Matt Walsh, Moraine Valley Foundation Board president and chairman of the event. "The day will provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and their children to spend quality time together doing activities that will be beneficial to them."

Two special appearances will take place during the event. Radio Disney will be on campus from noon to 1:30 p.m. with interactive, music-filled activities and contests. The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will also visit the campus during the event. In addition, the first 500 children will receive free T-shirts. The World of Culture will include animal and nature themed activities by the Brookfield Zoo; performances by Circus Boy; the magic of Time Glander; "Sci-

Fall into Fun with the Oak Lawn Park District

Autumn Adventures

Need to get away? Join the Oak Lawn Park District for a one-day trip this fall. The one-day trips include: The Isle of Capri Casino (Bettendorf, Iowa) Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., \$20 for Oak Lawn residents or \$25 for nonresidents; Shipshewanna Auction & Flea Market (Shipshewanna, Ind.) Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fee is \$30 for Oak Lawn residents and \$30 for nonresidents; Scarecrow Festival & Paddlewheel Riverboat Ride (St. Charles, IL) on Friday, Oct. 11, or Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Fee is \$25 for Oak Lawn residents and \$30 for nonresidents; Supernatural Chinatown (Chicago, IL) Monday, Oct. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fee is \$31 for Oak Lawn residents and \$36 for nonresidents. To register or for more information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

ence Safari" with Michael Offutt; a concert by the Moraine Valley Suzuki violinists; and hands-on workshops in watercolors, collages, scratch art, puppet making, and pumpkin decorating. All World of Culture events will take place in the Fine and Performing Arts Center and outdoors on the campus.

The World of Health will include health screenings such as hearing, vision, chiropractic, dental, and posture by Sertoma and local physicians; a mobile health unit from Loyola's Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital; nutrition information from Palos Community Hospital; respiratory therapy by Hope Children's Hospital; an obstacle course; and play dance, and fitness activities. All World of Health activities will take place in the college's gymnasium and outdoors on the campus. The World of Safety will include a police canine demonstration and DARE program by the Palos Hills Police Department; Smoke City and ambulance and fire truck displays by the North Palos Hills Police Department; Smoke City and ambulance and fire truck displays by the North Palos Fire Protection District; police mobile unit displays; bike safety tips from Palos Bike and Fitness; helmet safety tips from Southwest Pediatrics; child car seat safety; and child photo identification and fingerprinting

booths by local police departments. World of Safety activities will take place outdoors, as well as in the college's gymnasium. For more information on the event, call (708) 974-6740.

Small Business Seminar

Moraine Valley Community College's Small Business Development Center will be sponsoring "Obtaining Business Financing," at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Expo on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002. Tony Denovellis, Regional Manager of First Midwest Bank, will lead the seminar. Denovellis will explain the basic of getting the dollars you need to begin or expand your business, then take questions for participants. The seminar will begin at 10 a.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center, located at 183rd St. and Harlem Ave, just north of I-80. Admission to the Expo is Free with advance tickets. Seminars are \$5 each session. Call the Chamber at (708) 957-6950 to request free admission tickets, or visit www.chicagosouthland.com.

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Girl Scouts of Whispering Oaks Council is looking to the communities to find non-traditional volunteers for several programs. They are looking for women ages 21 to 29, single women and men ages 29 and up, women of any age (over 21) or couples who don't have children of their own, bilingual adults and adults with grown children who want to share skills. There will be a series of 6-week programs called "A Place For Girls" that will be run at Graves School in Summit, a three session program in Justice that will focus of Muslim, Jewish and Christian winter holidays in December, and the possibility of traditional troops out of Sterling Estates. A spring break day camp is also being planned. With traditional programs, there is a need for troop organizers and leaders at Willow Springs and Walker schools. Volunteering for Girl Scouts is an excellent way to gain experience for education, early childhood, and social work students. For more information call, (708) 354-4855.

Young Readers

The Center to hold Fall Festival

The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, will hold its 60th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 28th, from 10 AM - 4 PM. The admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Once inside, you can purchase tickets for hayrack rides, horse rides and pony-cart rides and games for younger children to play. "Crossfire" will provide live country music and the barns will be open to visit the animals. We'll also have food for sale, a bake sale and a Farmers Market, with pumpkins and cornstalks. Craft, collectible and flea market vendors will be there.

For more information, please call the Center at 361-3650.

Rummage Sale

Once again, the United Methodist Church of Worth, located at 7100 W. 112th St. in Worth will hold its semi-annual Rummage Sale on Thursday, Oct. 3 and Friday, Oct. 4. The hours for both days will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

55 ALIVE

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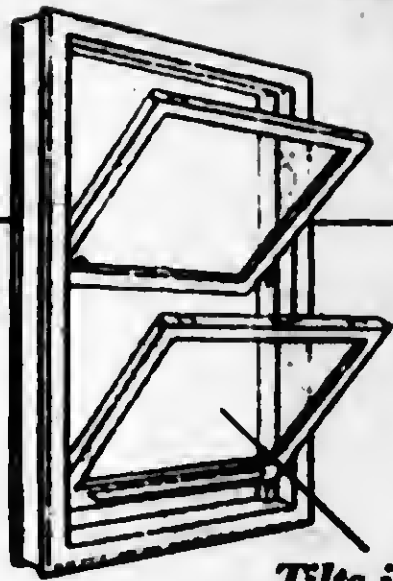
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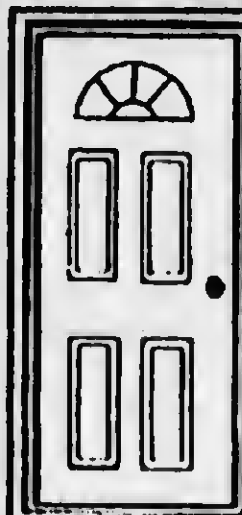
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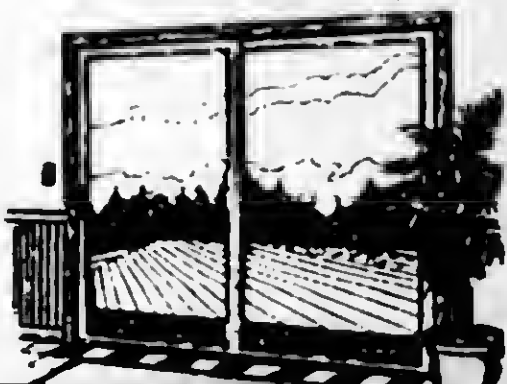
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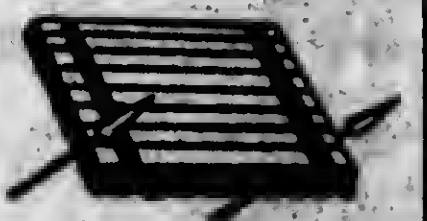
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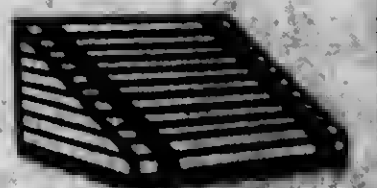
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11th Annual Oktoberfest highlights Lake Geneva area fall activities

LAKE GENEVA, WI - September 9, 2002 - As summer comes to a close and thoughts turn to the crisp weather ahead, the Lake Geneva area is poised to welcome autumn in glowing fashion with a wide variety of special events and activities ranging from the world's only NFL rivalry corn maze to guided hikes along the famed Geneva Lake walking trail. The fall season gets underway in the resort community with a weekend-long Oktoberfest celebration featuring dancing in the streets and plenty of children's activities including a free pumpkin giveaway.

Lake Geneva's 11th Annual Oktoberfest will take place October 12-13 in the city's downtown area. During the festival, families can enjoy boat cruises and carriage rides, charcoal-grilled Wisconsin brats, as well as peruse a local farmer's market and craft booths. A variety of children's activities will also be featured including face painting, pony rides and a 'moonwalk.' Saturday's activities include the Great Pumpkin Giveaway as the Geneva Lake Area Chamber

of Commerce distributes free pumpkins to children attending the event. The highlight of Sunday's scheduled events is an afternoon street dance featuring an authentic German polka band and dancers.

"The Lake Geneva Oktoberfest is a terrific event to be enjoyed by the entire family," said George F. Hennerley, executive vice president of the Lake Geneva Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We'll have a variety of festive activities like traditional German music, dancing and ethnic delicacies to enjoy, but the environment is definitely geared to families. Our Oktoberfest is truly a celebration of fall and family."

Located just outside of Lake Geneva at Fairwyn Farms is the "Super Bowl" of corn mazes, designed to highlight the rivalry between two great NFL teams - the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears.

From high above, the maze resembles the helmets of the two teams complete with logos. The 10-foot-high labyrinth features an intricate network of twists and turns carved into 17 acres of corn. The fun lies in challenging

the wits of those seeking to find the mind boggling puzzles one and only exit. And while the correct pathway can be walked in only 20 minutes, most wandering maze-goers will require about one hour to travel through the more than three miles of twists, turns and decision points in each of the two mazes.

The maze, with proceeds benefits the Lake Geneva Youth Camp, is open through October 31. Additional activities include hayrides, a "corn cannon" and "football train" ride, contest for NFL game tickets and special weekend events including a craft fair, antique car show and community garage sale.

The Lake Geneva area is also renown for its fall colors and offers visitors the unique opportunity to enjoy the autumn spectacle by both land and water. Geneva Lake Cruise Line offers a variety of narrated tours showcasing the area's rich history, each offering spectacular views of the lush countryside and the estates that dot the shoreline. There's also a special fall lake walk along a portion of the 26-mile Geneva Lake walking trail from Lake Geneva's

historic Riviera Ballroom to Williams Bay. Following the four-hour walk, led by a local historian, the tour continues via boat along the remaining shoreline back to port.

The Lake Geneva area is located just 90 minutes from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and 45 minutes from General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee. For additional information and a complete listing of fall activities and area accommodations, contact the Lake Geneva Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-345-1020 or visit its web site at www.lakegenewawi.com.

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Students must own, or have access to, the specific instrument being taught. All students must attend a short orientation session in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater to meet with a music instructor and schedule the day and time of their lesson. Important details and recital information will be discussed at the time. Students will register and pay for their lessons during the orientation session. Orientation/registration day is October 14, from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

Fees for the 30-minute sessions are \$145, while fees

for the hour-long sessions are \$290. For more information or to request a brochure on any of these private applied lessons, call Margi Hafer, assistant director of the Fine and Performing Arts Center, at (708) 974-5393. Information on all credit and non-credit classes is available in the fall 2002 class schedule or online at www.morainevalley.edu.

The Male Intellect: an Oxymoron?

The Male Intellect: an Oxymoron? is an hilarious examination of male-female relationships, as playwright and actor Robert Dubac attempts to answer the impossible question--"What do women want?" The 90-minute "perfectly balanced romantic comedy" plays a limited engagement Oct. 18 to 13 at Chicago's Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe St.. Ticket prices range from \$27 to 46.50 and are available at all Broadway in Chicago Box offices (22 W Monroe St., 24 W Randolph St. and 151 W Randolph St) or by call the Ticketline at (312) 902-1400.

Riverdance-The Show

Riverdance, the original International Phenomenon, triumphantly returns to Chicago for 16 performances only from Tuesday, Sept. 17 to Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts. The show is located at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph in Chicago. The official opening night performance is Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Come and celebrate the sounds of Irish music, song and dance, which focuses on the evolution of Irish dance, as well as its similarities with, and influences on, other cultures. Tickets range from \$25 to \$75 and are now on sale at Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (151 W. Randolph St., 24 W. Randolph St. and 22 W. Monroe St.) or by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticket Line at (312) 902-1400.

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Revolutionary Art Teaching for the Blind Hopes to Start on the South Side

By Kevin Plenis

The 35-year-old blind male student asked, "How do you mix green paint?" But before the instructor could reply a fellow 17-year-old female peer replied kindly to the man, "Just mix blue and yellow." Mixing the sighted with the visually impaired is exactly what Evergreen Park resident Barry McInerney hopes to accomplish by his research and development.

His ground breaking project is called "Art Without Limitations." This innovative type of classroom interaction mainstreams the blind and sighted by using art as the medium.

According to McInerney students will develop their senses to "feel" color. One visually impaired student in her late 20's told him that she sees medium grey and when she dreams it is only sounds and words.

McInerney has been teaching art over the last 30 years of his career. He orchestrated the "Sensing Color" workshop at the San Francisco Lighthouse for the Blind. He then went on to create mainstream visually impaired workshops at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

The students created braille maps of the museum for their first project. This assignment also led to install braille controls in the new elevators. "Many people with sight had never had close contact with visually impaired people before this class," he said.

A special wood block printing course for the visually impaired was created by McInerney at the University of California, Berkeley. One of his former students at Berkeley, who wishes to remain anonymous, went on to work as a full-time consultant after being

employed part-time by the museum. He traveled nationally to museums and universities making public buildings and exhibitions accessible for the visually impaired.

In 1983, McInerney ventured off to Ireland. He did freelance photography in Dublin, Belfast and in a small town called Clifden, on the west coast of Ireland. He tutored classes in painting and drawing and exhibited his own work as well. Weekend workshops were conducted by him in Galway. For one particular project, the students spent the day at the beach where they gathered objects. When they returned to the resource center, the students glued the objects onto masonite and painted acrylic over it.

"Some put the sky in and others painted rocks and seaweed," said McInerney. An 80-year-old woman, who lived on

the inland of Ireland all her life, took the class and it was only the second time she had been to the beach explained McInerney. She could recall all the smells and sounds of the beach. The art from the class was publicly displayed at the Clifden Arts Week. "People were amazed at the work," he said.

The ideal place to base "Art Without Limitations" would be on the South Side because of the strong sense of community said McInerney.

"What I'd like to do is find people who would be interested on a volunteer basis to work with me to get this thing going," he said. Supplies would be furnished by McInerney which would include acrylic paint, brushes, braille paper, tape recorders and plaster sculpting tools.

Three essential things needed to launch this project would first

include donated work space. Secondly, volunteers would be needed to do administrative tasks and seek out funding. Lastly, McInerney needs people to work with all types of media to inform the public. He explained that eventually volunteers would be paid for their services.

The Art Institute of Chicago were interested in McInerney's proposal two years ago but they don't have the facility to do the research and development he said.

The long term goals of McInerney's work would result with a blind person teaching art at a college level to both the blind and sighted. "The blind are for the sighted and the sighted are for the blind," he said. This integrated kind of classroom contact will develop the student's self-esteem and confidence explained McInerney.

"Blind artists

duce tension and stress. Repeat or think of words such as "calm," "relax," "quiet" or a word of your choice.

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Marist Mothers' Club

The Marist Mothers' Club is hosting its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "It's a Wonderful Life" on Sunday Nov. 3, at The Alsip Radisson Hotel from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. WE have a new feature this year; The Bell-Ringer Boutique for your holiday shopping pleasure and as always our Grand Raffle with many wonderful prizes! Please come and join us for an afternoon of friends, fashions, and fun. This is the Mothers' Club only fundraiser. For reservations, call Marist High School at (773) 881-6360.



would start to show their work and the sighted community could learn from the field," said McInerney. "That opens up the commercial aspect of art in galleries and the sales of art," he said.

If you would like more information about the Art Without Limitations Program, contact Barry McInerney at 708-424-6357 or email him at baryart@hotmail.com.

Essay Contest

De La Salle Institute would like to invite all seventh and eighth grade boys and girls to participate in its annual Essay Contest on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. at its East Campus at 3455 S. Wabash Ave. in Chicago.

Students will be asked to compose a paper on an announced topic. Students will compose their papers on WordPerfect programs available in De La Salle's two state-of-the-art computer labs. Following the essay-writing portion, students will be taken on a tour of De La Salle. The essays will be judged by members of De La Salle's English Department. Winners will receive trophies and all participants will receive a certificate. Winners will be announced the following week and awards will be delivered to the respective schools.

The Essay Contest is an annual event that focuses exclusively on creative writing skills. The intent of this event is to promote academic excellence for students, while at the same time providing those interested in attending De La Salle with an opportunity to experience our school in a fun and rewarding manner.

The deadline for entering the De La Salle Essay Contest is Tuesday, Sept. 24. Registration is required. For more information, please contact De La Salle's Director of Admissions, Mr. John F. Brogan at (312) 842-7355 ext. 114 or email broganj@dls.org.

10 Tips for Feeling Better in Five Minutes

With the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11 here, the National Headache Foundation (NHF) recognizes that many Americans, and headache sufferers in particular, might be feeling more stress in their personal and professional lives, and offers 10 Tips For Feeling Better in 5 minutes.

More than 45 million Americans experience chronic, recurring headaches. Of these, nearly 28 million have migraine annually. Everyday stress and tension can cause headache, and in times of heightened stress and frequency and severity of these headaches can increase. These 10 tips are drug free, cost effective and easy to use. Any combination of these techniques can help headache sufferers gain quick relief from headache pain.

1) Diaphragmatic or abdominal breathing is known to be helpful in lowering tension levels by promoting relaxation and bringing more oxygen into the bloodstream for a refreshing and energizing effect.

Breathing from the abdomen rather than the upper chest allows the lungs to better inflate, lowers blood pressure and slows the heart rate. Lie on a firm surface, and place one hand on your abdomen. Concentrate on the upward movement of your hand as you focus on breathing from the abdomen rather than from the chest.

2) Neck and shoulder massage can relieve tension. Hot or cold packs applied to the neck and shoulders can also help.

3) Guided imagery uses the mind to call upon specific images. Headache sufferers can use all senses to imagine the sound, feel, sight, taste and smell of pleasant sensations with the goal of alleviating headache pain.

4) Progressive muscle relaxation is a systematic technique for relaxing the body when muscles are tense. Tighten a group of muscles and hold them in a state of

extreme tension for a few seconds. Then relax the muscles while consciously focusing on releasing tension and stress. Start with the muscles in the toes and feet, working your way up to the muscles in the neck and head.

5) Biofeedback teaches you to control involuntary body functions such as blood pressure, heart rate and hand temperature. Training using special equipment is required until the technique of biofeedback is mastered. This is a valuable tool for reducing migraine and tension type headaches.

6) Stretching relaxes the muscles. Stretching can be done almost anywhere and at any time. It requires no special skills and can often be done while you are doing something else. Stretch the different muscle groups for a total five minutes, beginning with the feet, ankles and legs moving up the body to arms, torso, neck, shoulders and face. Yoga can also be a great method to relax the

muscles.

7) Taking a brisk walk helps release endorphins, which are the brain's natural pain killers. Walk for five minutes and think of relaxing, calming thoughts.

8) Visualization can reduce stress, thereby reducing headache pain. For example envision your worries and stress being placed inside a large trunk floating away out to sea, or visualize yourself in a special place of calm, serenity and quiet.

9) Meditation can help you achieve a state of consciousness where you have eliminated stress-inducing factors from awareness so that your mind can concentrate on a single, calming thought. Focus on inward silence and stillness and attempt to reach a calm state while tuning out the day-to-day stresses which can cause headache.

10) Closing your eyes and repeating words, either out loud or to yourself, helps re-

New Beverly Arts Center of Chicago opens with gala benefit

CHICAGO - The Beverly Arts Center of Chicago hosts an Inaugural Gala benefit Friday, Sept. 20 from 6:30 PM to midnight to celebrate the opening of its new \$10 million, state-of-the-art facility, located at 2407 W. 111th St. The evening, priced at \$150 per person, will showcase the diversity of the season at the Beverly Arts Center of Chicago (BAC) as well as offer supporters a glimpse of the depth of BAC's programming. All proceeds from the black tie-optional affair will benefit the Beverly Arts Center.

As the weekend and celebration continues, BAC will offer something for every member of the family on Saturday, September 21 from noon to 6 PM with a Public Open House. This full afternoon of free events, including outdoor performances, art exhibits, workshops and a ribbon-cutting ceremony, will offer a glimpse of the spectrum of projects and performances that the BAC will bring to the community. The "Redmoon Drum Tree" will begin at 7:00 PM, with a second half hour performance at 9:30 PM, using a tribal beat

to beckon all to the BAC to join in the festivities as eight drummers perform a choreographed percussion session while hovering in mid-air. Numerous drums will be situated amongst the 30-foot-tall, 12-foot-wide "drum tree" as musicians span the percussion canvas via a complex coordination of pulley and ropes before setting the tree on fire at the conclusion of the second performance.

Sunday, September 22 at 7:30 PM, BAC's concert season will officially begin with a performance by Susana Seivane. Presented in conjunction with the City of Chicago's World Music Festival, Seivane, one of the most talented young bagpipers playing today, represents a new generation of musicians in her native Galicia - the Celtic region of North-western Spain. Her style pays homage to the traditions of her heritage and displays a great affections and reverence for the artistry of the bagpipe. Tickets for this performance are \$10 and are available through the BAC box office.

The Inaugural Gala celebration will begin at 6:30

PM with a cocktail reception and tour of the facility, leading to the gallery space, where guests will view the exquisite wall-size paintings of acclaimed Homewood-based artist, Cynthia Borman. As guests admire the design and function of the diverse BAC space, they will enjoy the food and drink service stations located throughout the entire venue. Directly following the reception, guests will head into the main stage theatre to enjoy *Taiko Thunder*, performed by the city's finest Taiko drummers. This program is a unique and exciting blend of percussion, dance and martial arts, based upon the ancient traditions of Japanese drumming. Then, Hubbard Street 2 will electrify the audience with a performance featuring the artistry of some of the nation's most promising young choreographers and dancers. The evening will conclude with guests enjoying live music and dancing as well as dessert, champagne and coffee in the Salon.

Designed by Chicago's award-winning firms of Wheeler Kearns Architects and Morris Architects/Plan-

ners the new BAC houses an intimate 420-seat theater, art gallery, dance studio, art classrooms, music studios, darkroom, studio theater, cafe and more. As the only space of its kind in the city, the BAC now has the technology needed to bring multimedia arts programming to Chicago's neighborhoods. A longtime member of the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park community, the BAC will utilize the additional space and technological capabilities to expand all of its educational performance offerings.

BAC's Board of Directors includes president Judith Blackburn, vice president William Figel, treasurer Carol Podesta Foley and secretary Kimberley Rudd. Other dedicated board members include Michael Asque, Robert A. Berghoff, Anna-Marie Brodsky, Chris Dimas, Meg Simmerling Faeh, Maura Foy Hall, Edris Hoover, Leslie W. Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Carol Lett, Michael Manika, Timothy S. McCarthy, Pat McGrail, Will G. Munnecke, Dr. George E. Smith, L. Patrick Stanton and Emil E. Zbella.

ABOUT THE BEVERLY ARTS CENTER OF CHICAGO

The Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, founded in 1967 as the Beverly Art Center, was created to provide educational and cultural enrichment to Beverly Hills/Morgan Park and surrounding neighborhoods. Today, BAC welcomes patrons from throughout greater Chicago with multi-disciplinary programming that encompasses performing arts presentations, including theater, dance and concerts; education programs (with a non-credit School of the Arts offering more than 75 different classes in the visual arts, music, theater and dance); a film series; and art exhibitions. Through an expanding educational outreach program, BAC also provides artist-in-residence programs in local schools, a year-long drama class for Chicago high school students through the Chicago Public Schools Gifted and Talented Off-Campus Program, and affordable field trip opportunities for school groups.

The new BAC is located at 2407 W. 111th St. (at the

corner of 111th and Western Avenue) in Chicago's historic Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood. Designed by Chicago's award-winning firms of Wheeler Kearns Architects and Morris Architects/Planners, the 40,000 square-foot arts complex houses a technically advanced intimate 420-seat theater, a visual arts gallery and a dance studio. In addition, the BAC has an 80-seat black box studio theater/rehearsal space; a tiered music performance classroom; individual music instruction/practice rooms; a dark room; plus spaces for art classes, including painting, paper making, cartooning, sculpture, computer graphics, web design, and woodworking. Other amenities include a gourmet cafe, a gift shop, luxurious lobby spaces, landscaped courtyard for outdoor performances and free parking for 90 automobiles.

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Theatre of Western Springs invites all to join the acting company

The Theatre of Western Springs (TWS) presents "Studio," a workshop session for all aspiring actors and actresses who would like to join its acting company. Studio begins at 9:30 AM, Saturday, October 19, at the Theatre of Western Springs, 4384 Hampton Ave. Subsequent Studio sessions take place October 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 31 and November 1.

Few people realize that TWS is a non-audition theatre. Graduating from Studio and a season subscription are the only requirements to becoming a member of the acting company. Once through Studio, an actor or actress can be cast as soon as the next play!

Studio II is offered later in the year and is a requirement to maintaining acting eligibility. An actor or actress has two years to complete Studio II. Once graduated from both

Studio I and II, a participant need never take the classes again.

Taught by Tony Vezner, artistic director at TWS, Studio is open to anyone, regardless of experience. During the Studio sessions, participants join in a variety of theatre games and acting activities in a relaxed setting. Attendance is required for at least eight of the nine dates, and Studio I culminates in a presentation of short scenes.

"This unique casting concept enhances a total approach to TWS rather than simply the desire to play a specific role," said Vezner. "Even if someone has acted on Broadway or has never acted at all, they must take Studio. It's very much like an acting class, so most people enjoy it very much."

Studio is free. There are still openings for the fall session.

To register for Studio I, call Tony Vezner at (708) 246-4043.

Taste of Square Dancing!

To introduce non-square dancers to the fun of this activity, Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club announces square dance lessons to begin with two free nights: Tuesday, September 17 and 24, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM, at Central Junior High School, 94th and Spaulding, Evergreen Park. Enrollment is open either night.

Lessons progress on Tuesday, October thru May 2003. Fee is \$3.50 per time, payable at the door. For adults of all ages (couples and singles welcome). Dress is casual.

For more information, call Hank Leenstra @ 773-238-5496, Hazel Conroyd @ 708-444-7365, Helen Hamilton @ 773-735-7638.

Willowbrook Ballroom offers dance lessons

Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer in Willow Springs will offer a variety of dance lessons.

Salsa lessons will be given on Wednesday, October 2, 2002. Beginners' lessons will take place from 7:30-8 PM, intermediate/advanced lessons happen from 8:15-8:45 PM, and open dancing to the hottest Latin dance music spun by a DJ continues from 8:45-11 PM. Salsa dancing is open to singles and couples of all ages. Admission is \$7 No jeans or gym shoes please..

On Monday September 30, and Tuesday, October 1st, are set aside for rootin' tootin' country western (C&W) dance night. Lessons will take place 7:30 to 9:30 PM and open C&W dancing continues from 9:30 - 10:30 PM. Admission is \$6 per night.

Willowbrook Ballroom also offers a \$55 monthly

pass, good for admission to an entire month of C&W Monday and Tuesday night lessons and Friday night "Boppin at the Brook" parties. Jeans and boots are welcome!

"Boppin' at the Brook" is Chicagoland's largest country western dance party. On Friday, October 4th, dance lessons will take place from 7:30 - 8 PM and open dancing happens from 8 PM to midnight. Admission is \$8.

Willowbrook Ballroom will host a swing dancing night from 7:30-11:30 PM, Sunday, October 6. Swing lessons are from 7:30 - 8:30 PM, and open dancing follows from 8:30 - 11:30 pm. Uptown Rhythm Club will provide live, 'jump-jivin' tunes! Dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. No jeans or gym shoes please. Admission is \$10.

Willowbrook Ballroom

will also offer ballroom dancing from 2 - 5 PM, Sunday, October 6. It is open to singles and couples of all ages. Steve Cooper will provide ballroom tunes. Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please. Admission is \$12.

Parking is free for all events. For more information call 708/839-1000.

Polynesian Revue Show

The Womens Auxiliary of The American Legion Post 854 of Evergreen Park is sponsoring a Polynesian Revue Show on Saturday, Sept. 28th for 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets for this show are \$30.00 per person and include the show, dinner and dancing. Cash bar will be available. For tickets, see bartender at Post or call Diane Wolkowicz at (708) 423-2621 for more information.

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St. Laurence Alumni Banquet set for November 2

The 2002 edition of the Alumni Banquet will take place on Saturday evening, November 2, in the gymnasium at St. Laurence High School. Alumni can plan on a night of good times, great food, and the rekindling of unforgettable memories from their teen years. The cost has been set at \$50.00 per person, with a special price of \$75.00 for those gentlemen who bring their spouse or girlfriend. The festivities will run from 6:00 PM to midnight.

The 14th annual dinner will take on special significance for those groups of alumni who are in anniversary years. The classes of 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, and 1992 will be celebrating their respective reunions. Those interested in organizing a group of grads from their specific class, neighborhood, parish, employer, etc., please contact Ed Kozak, Alumni Director, during regular business hours.

Being honored at this year's affair are three special people of the St. Laurence Family. Receiving the prestigious St. Laurence O'Toole Award is Alan Dean, Class of 1972, who is the Chief Financial Officer from the CBOE.

Bunco Party

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W. 95th St. will hold a Card and Bunco Party on Friday, Sept. 27th at 7:00 p.m. Donation cost is \$4.

Going into the St. Laurence Athletic Hall of Fame is Gerry Barnicle, Class of 1977, who was a co-captain of the State Championship football squad in 1976, STL's first state champion. Being bestowed the title of honorary alumnus is Mr. John Kroc, beloved English department teacher.

The committee is also putting together an ad book for the event. Ad prices are \$15, \$35, \$50, and \$100. For complete information, call the school or email to ekozak@stlaurence.com.

A silent auction will interest and engage many people with enticing items and offerings that are sure to draw many bids that night.

To reserve spots at the banquet, please contact Committee Chairman Jim Rojas at 312-583-8725, or the Alumni Office at 708-458-6900, extension 253.

We sincerely hope to see everyone "Back-Home Again" at the "Home of the Vikings" on Saturday, November 2 for a memorable evening.

Seeking a Swimming Coach

Brother Rice High School is looking for an assistant swimming coach for the upcoming season. Candidates should be either Illinois Teacher Certified or ASEP certified. For more information, contact Br. Paul Lckes, Athletic Director, at (773) 429-4300, ext. 146

Eagle Scout Award

Reavis High School student and Boy Scout Brian Alan Herman is America's newest Eagle Scout. As a young scout, Brian learned to master many skills like outdoor survival, lifesaving, and good citizenship which is impressive for any boy, but Brian is visually impaired. He has a condition known as ocular albinism where he lacks pigment in his eyes. This causes a nystagmus where there is uncontrollable eye movement, involuntary head shaking and diminished vision. Brian's vision had not totally matured when he began scouting, but that didn't deter Brian from trying everything that the other boys did. He played Little League, video games, and went on campouts. He learned the importance of teamwork and gave new meaning to the phrase "if at first you don't succeed, try, try, again" and "Do your Best". His sheer determination to do whatever it took to reach his goals helped him become the man he is today. Just shy of his seventeenth birthday he is a confident and successful young man. He is a role model for other scouts and a leader in his school. Herman plans to go into education after high

Senior Council of Evergreen Park

The Senior Council of Evergreen Park meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. Residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Every effort is made to schedule interesting and informative programs.

school majoring in English, theatre and administration. Herman will receive his Eagle Award in a ceremony at Our Savior's Lutheran Church located in Burbank on Sept. 29. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

America Remembers License Plate

Secretary of State Jesse White unveiled a new license plate soon to be available to Illinois motorists that honors the victims of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

White displayed the new "America Remembers" plate during a press conference at the James R Thompson Center. "This plate will not only honor those whose lives were lost on Sept. 11, it will provide funding for our state to combat further acts of terror," White said. Motorists will now be able to sign up for the plate, which is red, white and blue with a American Flag waving on the bottom of the plate. Centered at the top is "America Remembers..." while centered at the bottom is September 11, 2001." Illinois is displayed on the left side of the plate.

The license plate costs \$118 for the initial purchase (\$40 plus the standard \$78 registration fee) of which \$25 is deposited to the Sept 11 fund. Customers will pay \$105 for their annual renewals (\$27 plus the standard \$78) or which \$25 goes to the Sept. 11 fund. Customers who need to switch plates will also pay a \$14 fee. Dollars raised from the sale of the "America Remembers" plate will be appropriated to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to fund grants to local governments. Those grants will cover the costs of training, equipment and other items related to public safety initiatives to prevent further acts of terrorism or to respond to further acts of terrorism or other disaster or emergency situations in Illinois. Once the Secretary of State's office has 850 motorists signed up for the new plate, the production process will begin, White said. To sign up for the plate, motorists can put on a list by going online at www.cyberdriveillinois.net or calling (217) 558-6148.

Career opportunities to be discussed at DeVry University open house

CHICAGO -- An open house regarding career opportunities in technology-based business and electronics fields, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, at DeVry University's Chicago campus, located at 3300 North Campbell Avenue. A campus tour will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by a presentation at 6:30 PM.

The seminar will include a film on opportunities in technology-based fields as well as several discussion sessions, during which DeVry representatives will answer questions on technology career opportunities and DeVry curricula, financial aid and career services.

DeVry/Chicago offers bachelor's degree programs in electronics engineering technology, computer engineering technology, computer information systems, telecommunications management, technical management, business administration and information technology. An associated degree program in electronics and computer technology is also available.

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Active Senior Expo

The Active Senior Expo will be held Wednesday, October 2, 2002, 9 AM - 3 PM at Georgios Banquets, 8800 West 159th Street, Orland Park, Illinois.

This is a public show "Dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens". Features dozens of exhibits with products and services for seniors. Special attractions include free health screenings, free seminars, free musical entertainment and free Krispy Kreme doughnuts. 2,000 - 3,000 attendees are expected.

Admission is \$2. Tickets are available at the door. Free admission coupons are available by visiting www.activeseniorexpo.net.

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bachelor's and master's degree programs in business, technology and management. More than 56,000 students in 18 states and two Canadian provinces are enrolled at its 25 undergraduate campuses and 37 adult learning centers. The parent company, DeVry, Inc. (NYSE:DV), also owns and operates Becker Conviser Professional Review, a leading provider of preparatory course work for professional certification exams. DeVry University is based in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. For additional information, contact the DeVry admissions office at 773-929-8500, or visit www.chi.devry.edu.

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Authentic Italian Market

The 6th Annual Italian Market Days celebrates Italian-American heritage with pastas, breads, music, dancing and Italian wares at Block 37 (located at the corner of State St. and Washington St). The Italian Market Days will open as a prelude to the Columbus Day Parade. Many of Chicagoland's Italian restaurants will offer samples of menus from both northern and southern Italy in a cafe-style setting.

Vendors will feature foods such as breads, imported gourmet olive oils, pastas, cheeses, desserts and Italian coffees. Live entertainment is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. daily. Vespa motor scooters will be on display along with a replica of the Trevi Fountain and other artifacts from the studio of Bucci International. Local vendors will offer authentic Italian wares including handmade Italian dolls and masks. The 50th annual Columbus Day Parade is set for Monday, Oct. 14th at 1 p.m. Dozens of floats, marching units and bands will proceed north on Columbus Drive from Balbo to Monroe St. The Italian Market Days (at Block 37) will be held Monday, Sept. 30 through Fri. Oct. 4. Daily hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Illinois Conservation Foundation hosts First Southern Illinois Golf Benefit October 7

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. -- The Illinois Conservation Foundation's first-ever Southern Illinois Golf Benefit to support youth waterfowl hunting programs will be held on Monday October 7 at the Kokopelli Golf club in Marion.

"The Illinois Conservation Foundation hopes to match the popularity of our golf benefits in Springfield and in the Chicago area with this new event in Marion," said Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Brent Manning, who serves as chairman of the board of directors of the Illinois Conservation Foundation. "I encourage friends of the Foundation and those who enjoy golf to join us at Kokopelli Golf Club for this inaugural event."

The golf registration fee is \$100 per person. The fee includes golf greens fees and cart, breakfast, lunch, refreshments, awards and prizes. Individuals, businesses and organizations are invited to support the ICF golf benefit by becoming a hole sponsor for \$150 each.

Computer class for seniors

Evergreen Park Central Jr. High School is hosting a computer class for Evergreen Park senior citizens. The fall classes will be held on Tuesdays - October 1 through November 5 at Central Jr. High School, 9400 S. Sawyer Ave., from 3:30-5:30 PM. Fee: \$35. Register at Office of Citizens' Services, Room 107, 3450 W. 97th St. If interested, register as soon as possible, as class size is limited.

This course is for beginning computer students. Classes will include "hands-on" computer time: basic components of a computer; creating, saving, and modifying Microsoft Word documents, creating address lists and labels; and Internet.

Stony Creek offers specials

Throughout the month of September, all children under age 16 can golf for free when accompanied by a paying parent after 5:30 PM at the Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Golf Course (5850 W. 103rd St.).

At the end of the month, the golf course's clubhouse will welcome back a jazz quintet-featuring members of the Outcast Jazz Band-for an evening of free music. From 7 PM to 10 PM on Friday, September 27, music lovers can enjoy live jazz on the patio along with an all-you-can-eat fish fry. Lighted bocce-ball courts and clay horseshoe pits will also be available.

For more information on events or golfing at Stony Creek Golf Course, please call (708) 857-2433 or e-mail nfo@olparks.com.

Green Hills Public Library invites public to view plans

Once again a referendum to increase funds to improve the Green Hills Public Library will be on the ballot for this November's elections. The Green Hills Public Library Referendum Committee invites everyone in Hickory Hills and Palos Hills to join us on either Thursday, September 26; Wednesday, October 16; or Tuesday, October 29 to get the facts about the proposed Green Hills Public Library improvement program.

Citizens are invited to

- *Bring tax bills to find out how much to proposed tax rate request will really cost.
- *Learn how the improved library will impact your property values.

- *Tour the existing library to learn what changes need to be made and why.
- *Get a look at the proposed building expansion plan.

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the Library's lower level meeting room. Park on the South side of the library for easy access. For more information, call the Green Hills Public Library Referendum Committee at (708) 269-9376 or the Library at (708) 598-8446.

Tinley Moraine Genealogist presents:

Monthly meeting: 10/3/02
Program: Genes and Heredity

Speaker: Leanne Cartwright

Time: 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM

Location: High School Library, Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th St., Tinley Park, IL

Visitors are welcome; visitor fee is \$1 per meeting

Leanne Cartwright will begin her presentation by providing an introduction to genetics and heredity. She will describe how medical genetics applies to genealogy and explain the patterns by which genetic diseases or conditions manifest symptoms and occur in families. Finally, she will explain which diseases are more common among certain ethnic groups and why this occurs. If you are already including a medical history in your genealogy research, this presentation will add dimension to that knowledge. If you have not yet included this important aspect in your family history, you will be inspired to include it. Knowledge of your family's medical heredity may assist future generations in their family planning. Leanne Cartwright

New Orleans & Western Caribbean "Rail & Sail" trip

Join the group from Office of Citizens' Services (3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park) for 9-day Mid-America Tours 2003 trip--February 17-25, 2003. Cost of \$1389/dbl. for the perfect combination---rail and sail---no airplane to fly! Price includes travel to New Orleans aboard a relaxing Amtrak Superliner train; then, after 3 days of New Orleans' enjoyment, setting sail aboard Carnival Cruise Line's "Fun Ship" Holiday for a 4-night cruise in the Western Caribbean. Also: New Orleans lodging at Hotel St. Marie in the French Quarter; touring in Garden District, Riverfront and business district and famous restaurant arrangements included; coach seating aboard the train and outside stateroom during the cruise. For additional information, phone 422-8776.

Amish Market Days

The restored grounds of the historic former West Baden Springs Hotel will host Amish Market Days on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 to 12 at the West Baden Springs National Historic Landmark, on State Road 56 in Southern Indiana, one mile north of French Lick Springs Resort. Amish crafts people from Orange and Martin counties will sell wares and offer demonstrations of their simpler methods. Visitors will see sheep shearing, horse drawn mowing, horse shoeing by an Amish farrier, and sample ice cream made in a churn turned by horsepower (the animal rather than the electrical kind). Tour-takers can shop for homemade quilts, baskets, crafts, dolls and furniture--all made by local Amish. Fresh baked goods, jams and candies will also be available for purchase. Regular admission includes a tour of the facility and access to Amish Market stalls and demonstrations. Admission fees are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child age 13 to 18, \$2 per child age 6 to 12 and children under five are free. For more information call 317-639-4534.

Power of Images Seminar

Christina Blum of contemplatingbellybuttons.com will lead Power of Images on Thursday, Oct. 24th at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's Business and Community Expo at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 183rd St. and Harlem Ave., just north of I-80. While creating a multi-media collage, participants will learn how to utilize the subconscious and images to celebrate successes, validate themselves and create the space to step out of the ordinary and into the extraordinary. Blum's workshop promises to be a fantastic business and personal growth experience. The seminar is \$15 at the door and seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. The expo includes other business seminars and technology workshops, a business image luncheon show and over 100 exhibits filled with a wide range of small and large businesses. Admission to the Expo is free with advance tickets or \$5 at the door. Call the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950 to request free admission tickets. Also visit www.chicagosouthland.com for more information

Garden Club to hold plant exchange

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its September meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 4625 West 110th St. at 9:15 AM.

There will be a plant exchange and social hour. Hostesses will be Verne Maras, Norine Barrett and Noreen Anderson.

For further information call 708 424-4846.

12th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will & Grundy Counties Haunted House

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Joliet will again be featuring the Haunted House at the City of Joliet's Pumpkin Fest located at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park from Friday, October 4 to Sunday, October 6.

Hours for the Haunted House are: Friday, October 4 - 6 PM-10 PM; Saturday, October 5 - 1 PM - 10 PM, and Sunday, October 6 - 1 PM - 5 PM.

Prices are as follows: Adults - \$5, Children 11 years and under - \$4. It is definitely not suitable for young children.

High school volunteers are needed to be our ghosts and goblins. It's a great way to obtain community service hours!

For more information call Deb at 725-4324.

Advocate Christ Medical Center offers free prostate cancer screening

Prostate cancer is now the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of death among men, yet many are not undergoing regular screening for the disease. Doctors at Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn,

are encouraging men to take advantage of free prostate cancer screenings to be offered at the medical center Wednesday, September 18. The screening, performed by a urologist and phlebologist, consists of two exams that take about one minute

each to perform. The combination of the two tests, a digital rectal exam (DRE) and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test, can detect prostate cancer at an early age. Registration is open to men ages 50 to 75, or high-

risk men ages 35 to 70. The screenings are not for second opinions, confirmatory PSAs, or for men currently under a urologist's care.

Appointments will be offered from 5 to 8 PM in the medical center's Adult Medicine Center on the first floor. Registration is required because appointments are limited. To register, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622) and refer to code 1C16.

American Cancer Society and Prostate Cancer Education Council, which cosponsor Prostate Cancer Awareness Week September 16-20, recommend that all men ages 50 to 75 be tested annually for prostate cancer. High-risk men, including African-Americans and those with a family history of the disease, should start annual screenings at age 35.

Approximately 334,500 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year. Patients diagnosed in the early stages, while the cancer is still localized, have a 99 percent chance of surviving five years or more.

There are usually no symptoms in early prostate

cancer. Screenings have proven to be the only reliable method of identifying the disease in its curable stages.

However, the following may be indications of a serious prostate problem: weak or interrupted urine flow; inability to urinate or difficulty stopping or starting urine flow; the need to urinate frequently, especially at night; blood in the urine or semen; burning or pain when urinating; and continuing pain in the lower back, pelvis or upper thighs.

Although more than 500,000 men are expected to be screened during Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, this represents only 1.5 percent of American males over age 50, all of whom should be regularly screened for the disease.

For more information about prostate cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or the American Foundation for Urologic Disease at 1-800-822-5277.

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National Society Daughters of American Revolution

The Swallow Cliff Chapter National Society Daughters of American Revolution will begin their 2002-2003 year with their first scheduled meeting Sept. 21, at 1:00 p.m. at the Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th Street. Roberta Newman, DAR member from Midwestern will present the program with a visit from Abigail Adams. Knoll Springs C.A.R. members will assist with the Constitution Week celebration from Sept. 17 to 23. Chapter members will be attending DAR days in Willowbrook on Sept. 24. This is the official "kick off" for the upcoming year. Members and guests are invited, any questions maybe directed to (773) 586-1925.

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Legion Commander testifies before Congress

WASHINGTON (Sept. 10, 2002) - If the 2.8 million member American Legion had its way, the Department of Veterans Affairs health care budget would swell to \$24.5 billion in FY 2004, and veterans on Medicare would be allowed to use those benefits to pay for VA's treatment of their non-service connected disabilities. Those are two of the recommendations American Legion National Commander Ronald F. Conley made today to a joint session of House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees on Capitol Hill.

"The American Legion has always fought hard for adequate funding for VA health care," Conley said. "There are 7 million veterans either enrolled or waiting to enroll to make VA their primary health care provider -- quality care has a lot to do with that. But in order for a growing number of veterans to access VA health care, additional revenue streams must be generated to supplement -- not to offset -- annual discretionary appropriations. A laudable first step would be the passage of 'Medicare Subvention' legislation that would allow Medicare to re-

imburse VA for its treatment of conditions not related to the veterans' military service. VA would benefit from Medicare funding; Medicare-eligible veterans would be well-served by the health care system of their choosing; and VA would provide treatment at a lower cost than a private-sector provider, thus saving taxpayers money."

Conley put forth additional American Legion proposals:

- *Congress must address VA's shortage of nurses, specialty doctors and psychologists;

- *VA and the Department of Defense should seek additional cost-saving joint ventures;

- *VA's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) program must reflect the input of veterans service organizations and not undermine vital services under the guise of austerity;

- *Congress must adequately fund community-based initiatives that assist homeless veterans;

- *Congress must pass legislation mandating compen-

sation health care of Gulf War veterans who will contract amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease in the future; and

- *As VA continues to reform its backlogged veterans' claims system, Congress must fund VA's request for additional claims personnel. Ideally, the number of appeals, as well as the overall processing time, will be cut.

The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans organization.

Municipal Auction and Garage Sale

Over 70 police cars, municipal administrative cars, sports utility vehicles, jeep Cherokees, pick-up trucks, tractor, mower, concrete cutter are just some of the items that will be auctioned at the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Fourteenth Annual Joint Municipal Auction and Garage Sale. The Inspection, Registration and Garage Sale begins at 8:00 a.m. and the Vehicle and Equipment Auction begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. The event will take place at the Village of Hazel Crest Public works garage at 2751 W. 170th St. in Hazel Crest. For more information, call (708) 206-1155.

Academic Olympics

St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., will hold its tenth annual Academic Olympics Day for 7th and 8th grade boys on Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 4 p.m. The event will feature individual academic competition in four different subject areas: English, Science, Math and Social Studies. Participants will compete in all four areas by taking an exam in each subject. Tours of the campus will also be available to parents during the event. All students will be served dinner and receive a shirt for participating in the event. Awards will be given to the top three students in each category and to the top four overall test averages. The event is free. To register, call (773) 925 RITA or email the participant's name, grade and school to nmurtagh@stritals.com.

Spaghetti Dinner

Join Boy Scout Troop 618 for their annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held Saturday Oct. 5, 4:00-7:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church 9701 S. Brandt Ave. in Oak Lawn. Admission is \$5.00 adults and \$2.50 children 4 to 12.

Bridgeview Sailor Visits the 'Emerald City'

By Cynthia Smith

Bridgeview resident James A. Miller, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation (CV 64), spent four days in Seattle where he participated in the 53rd annual Seafair event. Petty Officer 3rd Class Miller, is a aviation boatswain's mate aboard "America's flagship," as the Constellation is known. He operates and maintains the equipment used to safely launch and recover carrier-based aircraft. The Constellation pulled into Seattle on Aug. 1. During Miller's visit, the people of Seattle treated him with a sense of appreciation and gratitude. "People really respect us for our honor, courage and commitment," said Miller, a 1998 graduate of Argo Community High School. The Constellation's visit also gave the people of Seattle a new perspective of the Navy. The ship opened its doors and welcomed the community on board for tours. "I think it is very important that the community come on board and tour our ships. After all, it is their tax dollars that allow us to be the finest Navy in the

Letter to the Editor

I am a Vietnam veteran who enlisted in the Navy at age 16, serving from 1965-1966. I was delighted to read that the Argo Board of Education has granted high school diplomas to any Korean or WWII, veteran who attended Argo but unable to graduate due to military service. The Argo Board of Education is in direct compliance with the Illinois school code according to Public Act 92-446 as signed by Gov. George H. Ryan on Aug. 21, 2001.

This is wonderful for the Korean and WWII vets, but what about the Vietnam vets? I enlisted while I was a student at Gage Park High School in Chicago because I felt it was the patriotic thing to do for my country. As we have just commemorated the sad events of Sept. 11, who is out there to remember our veterans?

Sincerely,
Robert R. Beutler.

world," Miller said. Miller, a two-year Navy veteran, will have many opportunities to visit foreign countries all around the world. However, he doesn't always get a chance

to visit different cities in the United States. Since the Navy's primary focus is protecting our interests overseas through forward presence around the globe, stateside port visits, such as this trip to Seattle, are a rare treat. "Many people who join the Navy or the Marines never had the chance to do a lot of traveling, so they might not understand the different cultures and variety of people that live in the country he or she is defending," Miller said. The Seafair provided Miller and the community of Seattle a chance to better understand each other. It also gave the "Emerald City" a chance to experience a slice of Navy life for themselves.

Marine Corps basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. James W. Welter of Chicago's South Side successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Welter and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Welter spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Welter and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the world means in guiding personal and professional conduct. Welter and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began. Welter is a 2001 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School of Chicago.

Minervini Receives his Commission

Navy Ensign Michael V. Minervini, a 1995 graduate of Brother Rice High School, recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate school (OCS) at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. During the 13-week-long training program, Minervini received extensive instruction on a variety of specialized subjects including navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management. Minervini also completed a demanding daily physical fitness program that involved running, swimming and calisthenics. In addition, Minervini and fellow OCS graduates received leadership training and instruction on the importance of the Navy's core values -- honor, courage and commitment; and how their meaning impacts the personal and professional conduct of the men and women serving in the Navy around the world.

Evergreen Park Public Library computer classes

Confused by your computer? Are you interested in buying a computer but you don't know how to use one? Join us at the Evergreen Park Public Library for our popular hands-on computer class taught by John Hojek from Prairie State College's Corporate Training Department. All classes are taught on laptop computers and there is a charge of \$15 for a two-hour class and \$30 for the four-hour class.

Windows for Beginners will be offered on Friday September 20th from 10 AM - Noon and will cost \$15 per student. Word-Processing Level 1 will be offered on Friday September 27th from 9 AM - 1 PM and will cost \$30 per student. Excel Level 1 will be on Friday October 4th from 9 AM - 1 PM and will also be \$30 per student.

Registration at the library is required for all classes and fees must be paid at time of registration. For more information, call the Evergreen Park Public Library at 708-422-8522.

Local bookstores host "Spirituality & Healing" workshops

What: Workshops that focus on how individuals can gain confidence and peace of mind and make a positive difference in their communities.

- *Free community events

- *Workshop textbook: Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

During each workshop, participants will explore with others:

- *How understanding identity helps to realize individual potential and purpose,

- *How to replace feelings of helplessness and vulnerability with a sense of control and safety,

- *How a spiritual perspective influences relationships, family, career, finances, as well as community and global issues.

Who: National speaker, Sarah Hyatt, will be conduct-

ing the Chicago area workshops in September. Hyatt has extensive experience helping people look at life's issues from a spiritual point of view.

When & Where: Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 PM at Transitions Book Place, 100 W. North Ave., Chicago, 312-951-7323.

Thursday, September 19, 7:00 PM at Borders Books & Music, 161 N. Weber Rd., Bolingbrook, 630-771-9560.

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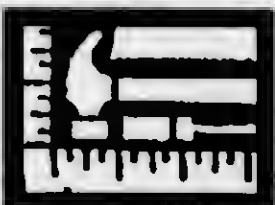
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Health Bulletin

World's Largest Arthritis Study Seeks Patients

(NAPS)—The world's largest arthritis study is seeking patients to help compare the effects of a new investigational medication with those of two commonly used arthritis drugs.

The study is for people age 50 or older with osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis. Called TARGET (Therapeutic Arthritis Research & Gastrointestinal Event Trial), the study will enroll more than 18,000 patients from over 800 centers worldwide.

The study will evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of an investigational medication compared to that of two well-known arthritis drugs, ibuprofen and naproxen. People whose condition qualifies them for the trial and who enroll will be provided free study medication and study-related care for a year.

Osteoarthritis affects nearly 21 million Americans and is characterized by the breakdown of joint cartilage. This condition causes the affected bones to rub against each other, deforming the bones and creating inflam-

mation that leads to pain and loss of movement. It can affect hands, knees, hips, feet and the back. Risk factors associated with osteoarthritis include accidents, age, joint injuries, obesity and work-related activity.

By age 65, more than half of Americans have x-ray evidence of osteoarthritis in at least one joint and that number will increase as the



By age 65, more than half of all Americans show signs of osteoarthritis.

baby boomer generation ages. Unfortunately, no cure has been found to treat this devastating disease. Some people switch arthritis medications as often as every three months.

Many arthritis patients experience difficulty functioning and find their ability to perform simple tasks

such as getting out of bed, writing, sewing, preparing meals, sleeping and walking, impaired, because of joint pain, stiffness or loss of motion.

The economic impact of osteoarthritis is astounding. Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States and musculoskeletal diseases, including osteoarthritis, cost the nation nearly \$65 billion each year in direct expenses, lost wages and production. Osteoarthritis, alone, accounts for more than seven million physician visits per year.

To find out if you qualify for the TARGET study, call, toll free 866-4-OA-TRIAL (866-462-8742). TARGET is sponsored by Novartis, a pioneer in the development of safe and efficacious treatments for arthritis and pain.

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Orland Park Police receives CDBG grant from Cook County

ORLAND PARK, IL---A Federal Block Grant awarded to the Orland Park Police Department from Cook County Board of Commissioners has funded an ambitious enforcement plan for the protection of Orland Park's young people.

"Orland Park Police Department is grateful to Cook County Board President Stroger and the County commissioners for making these initiatives possible for the young people of Orland Park," said Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy. The Cook County Judicial Advisory Council administers the grant.

Grant monies received by the Orland Park Police Department are utilized by the Department's Project BADGE (Balanced Approach to Drug and Gang Elimination) Program.

Since September 1st, the program has initiated an increase in officers patrolling in designated areas to enforce school zones and other traffic laws in areas where Orland Park children walk to

and from school and along bus routes. Enforcement patrols have been arranged for high traffic areas within the village, specifically locations known for violations and a high frequency of traffic crashes.

"Key areas in the Village have been identified for an increase in patrols," explained Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy. "With school back in session, our officers are letting drivers know that they must slow down and watch for kids traveling to and from school," the Chief added.

The grant money received from Cook County will also be used to increase police presence around schools, government buildings and other areas on the anniversary of the September 11th attacks.

"The Police Department has no specific information regarding any credible threat within the village," McCarthy explained. "However, we will remain vigilant and prepared. The extra patrols are intended to show

Orland Park residents and businesses that we are there--aware and prepared--should our services be needed."

The Orland Park Police Department's Project BADGE programs for the current fiscal year will culminate with its September activities. It is expected that the Department will reapply for additional funding for the new fiscal year that begins October 1st.

"The Orland Park Police Department's Project BADGE Program has truly been a community-wide effort, enabling us to work with a number of local agencies, all for the benefit of the young people of Orland Park," McCarthy said.

For the last four years, grant money has allowed the Orland Park Police Department to offer healthy and safe activities and programs for the young people of the community. The department has worked closely with a number of agencies, including school districts 135, 140, 146 and 230. Programs have also been offered through the Vil-

lage of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department and Orland Township Youth Services. A number of events have been held throughout the year, including bowling, dances, guest speakers, sports events and other prevention programs.

tion; Minister Kirvan Audain of Valley Kingdom Ministries; Father Meany of St. Damian Church; and Reverend Steve Hoerger of Redeemer Lutheran Church prayed. Senator Patrick O'Malley, Representative Maggie Crotty and Mayor Patrick Gordon spoke about our losses and how that day has affected our lives.

The City Council meeting opened with Public Works Superintendent John Stanley discussing West Nile Virus. "We don't need anymore crows for testing," he said. "It's here. Throw the carcasses in the trash. Public Works doesn't get rid of carcasses." Cook County Mosquito Abatement is spraying, Superintendent Stanley explained. He reminded residents to continue dumping standing water.

The City has entered into the first phase of what has become known as the Metra Station Pedestrian access. The Council approved an agreement with IDOT for engineering services. They passed a resolution allocating \$82,400 in Motor Fuel Tax funds. And they approved an agreement to accept \$300,000 in grants money from the Federal

Tinley Park plans Oktoberfest Parade

*The Annual Oktoberfest Parade has been a highlight of the Oktoberfest Celebration held each year. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, there will not be an Oktoberfest this year. We are looking forward to keeping the Oktoberfest spirit alive by continuing the traditional Parade on Oak Park Avenue Sunday, September 22nd at 2 PM with FREE activities and special attractions along the parade route starting at Noon.

*There is NO FEE to enter or participate in the Parade and applications are available from the Village Hall.

*Oktoberfest Volunteers past and present will be honored during the Parade and Al Siegers, immediate past president, has been asked to be "Grand Marshal" of the Parade.

*The Parade Theme will be "Tinley Park Celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the Rock Island Railroad."

*A variety of free attractions along the parade route will begin at noon on Sunday courtesy of the Village of Tinley Park Human Re-

Government.

Sidewalks will be laid beginning at the Metra Station at 159th and Cicero, north on Lamont to 153rd, on 153rd from LaPorte and LaCrosse, and north on LaPorte and LaCrosse to 147th Street, a total of 1.21 miles. The costs will be shared with the Federal government in an 80%/20% split. The City's portion (20%) will be covered with MFT funds.

Alderman Paul Wechet

sources Commission, Oktoberfest Parade Committee and participating businesses and sponsors. Bring your lawn chairs and come early to enjoy lunch at any of our great Mainstreet Restaurants and enjoy the free attractions.

*Free attractions starting at noon will include: moonwalks, clowns, face painters, magicians, stilt walkers and various street performers.

*Free trolley bus rides will be provided by the Village of Tinley Park from the 80th Avenue Metra Lot from

sponsored ordinances establishing 'resident parking permit only' zones on Chestnut Lane, Willow Lane and Spruce Lane, between 151st and Forestview. The ordinances passed unanimously. Clerk Scott Burkheart reported that required decals are in.

These actions are the result of an old problem caused by young people carrying alcoholic beverages into the Forest Preserves at night. Many park on the streets across from the preserves. They return late and many times act up.

Aldermen are considering temporary passes for residents with visitors.

Alderman Scozio wondered if something similar could help neighbors of the high school during school hours. Alderman Wechet said he is reviewing an ordinance enacted in Burbank where there are 3 high schools.

O. F. begins Council with Remembrance Ceremony

By Jude Coyle

Firefighters, police and residents gathered outside the Oak Forest City Hall to remember those lost on September 11, 2001.

Crowds gathered between the gazebo and crossed ladders of the Fire Department arial trucks. The Oak Forest Council of

Churches Choir sang. The Owen W. Winter VFW Post posted the colors. Pastor Robert Haight of Oak Forest Methodist Church; Reverend Susan Havalic of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrec-

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LaPosada property to be sold

By Jude Coyle

Christopher Koczwar, Attorney, addressed the Chicago Ridge Village Board on September 3rd. Attorney Koczwar represents Stanley Kwasny, the current owner of the lot where the LaPosada Restaurant was located. The restaurant was destroyed by fire nearly two years ago.

Mr. Koczwar asked that the Board approve three variances to the Village building code. First, he asked that the public alley immediately to the rear of the property be vacated. Next he asked that the residential lot on Mayfield directly behind the LaPosada property be rezoned to commercial. Last, he asked for approval of variations in size of parking stalls and the building set back. All three requests were approved.

Mr. Kwasny had originally planned to redevelop, but has since received an offer from another developer. The Drew Group will build a two-story office building to house I.R.S. and G.S.A. offices. The lot on Mayfield will be used for parking.

Developer Stan Latek asked for approval of code variations for the property located at 7035 W. 100th St. He plans to build a 4-unit condominium on the 50 x 102 feet lot. He asked to reduce the side setback on the property to 5 feet, reduce the size of parking stalls to 9 feet, and to reduce the rear setback to 18 feet. The building will have 8 parking spots. A parking lot entrance would interrupt a mandatory green strip on the side of the building. The Board approved the requests.

A business license for La Playita was approved. This license will allow the present business to expand to include a grocery and liquor store. The class D liquor license currently held by the owner was withdrawn, and replaced with class B. This allows the sale of package liquor at the new operation.

Police Chief Timothy Baldermann introduced Prosecutors Bob Parchem and Mike Dino of the State's Attorney's Office, and presented them with plaques. Chief Baldermann publicly thanked both men for their commitment and eventual conviction of Earl Johnson on two counts of first degree murder. Earlier this year, the Chicago Ridge and Worth Police were involved in a car chase that had ended in a crash that killed two. Chief Baldermann explained that Prosecutors Parchem and Dino work closely with Chicago Ridge and always exhibits the 'utmost in professionalism.'

Fire Chief Randy Grossi asked the Board to approve the sale of the old 1974 ladder truck. It would be auctioned off 'as is' by B&P Apparatus. He expects to earn about \$15-20,000 from the sale. This same company sold CR's mini pumper in the early '90's. Asked who would purchase the ladder truck, Chief Grossi thought that it would possibly be a part time fire department in the South.

Also, Chief Grossi asked the Board's approval for an expenditure of \$6,385 for the replacement of three garage doors at Station 1. Both requests were approved.

As of the September 3rd

meeting, four cases of West Nile Virus had been reported in the Village, the newest report coming just prior to the meeting. Clark Environmental sprayed the Village twice. Pamphlets were passed out to each home, and the Department of Health promised to employ employees how to use the insecticide pellets to kill mosquito larva.

In his search for other breeding grounds, Mayor Seigel thought about the Cemetery where open vases could collect water. With the cooperation of the Cemetery, and the Public Works Department, Clark Environmental sprayed. Cook County Mosquito Abatement reportedly treated the vases with insecticide pellets.



Beverly Cemetery Staff
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Forces on 911

Out of the Frying Pan

The Caravan Alley Players from Mt. Carmel H.S. in Chicago will present "Out of the Frying Pan," a comedy in three acts by Francis Swann, on Friday and Sat. Oct. 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mt.

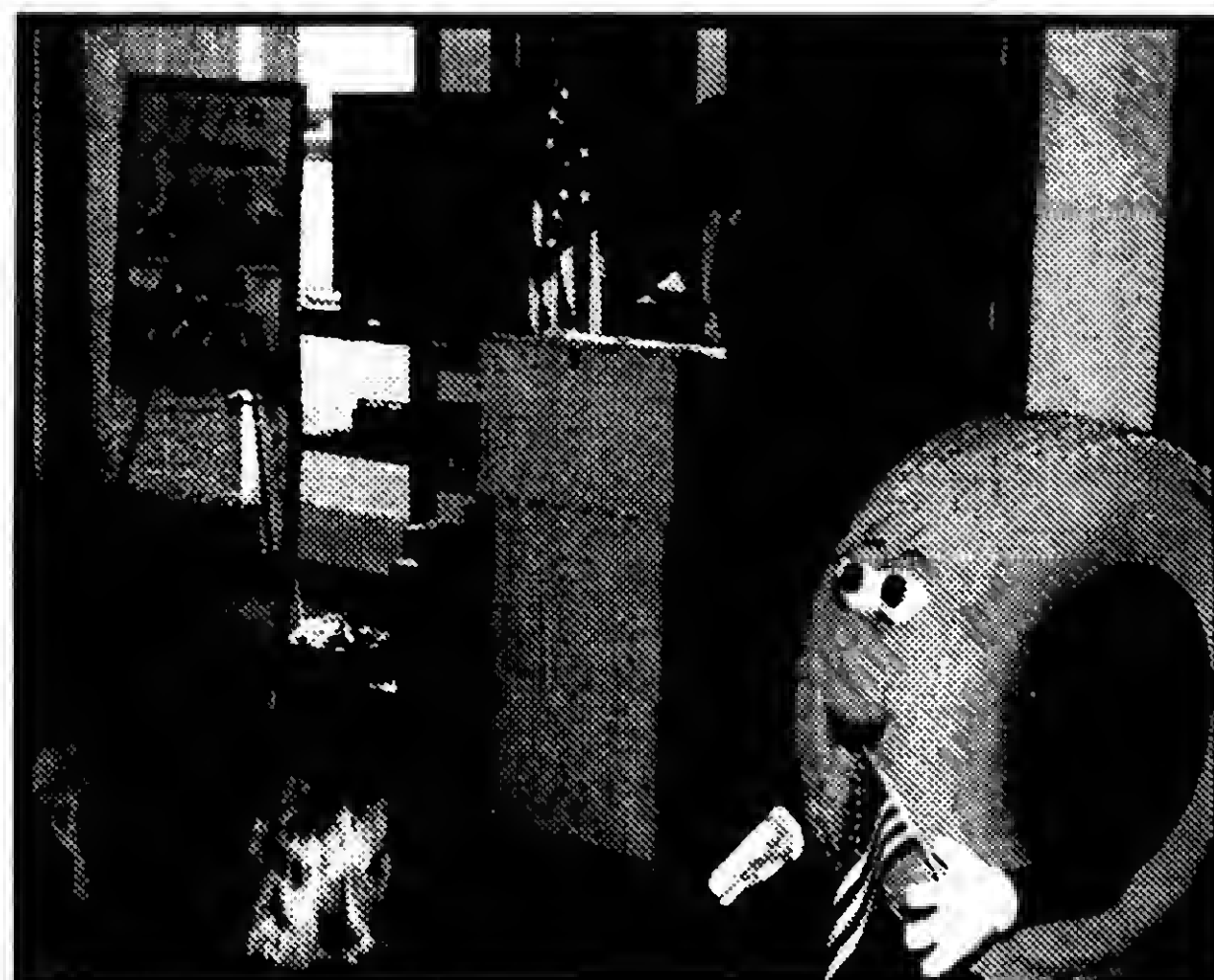
Carmel H.S. Student Center, 6410 S. Dante Ave in Chicago. All tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the box office upon arrival at the Student Center. The box office will open at 6:00 p.m.

"Out of the Frying Pan" is brimming with uproarious comedic situations, murder, mayhem, mosey landladies,

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Jesse White Teaches Students about Bus Safety

Secretary of State Jesse White teaches students important lessons about school bus safety. White utilizes Toby Tire, an animated robot tire, to help teach students the basics of school bus safety. White has appeared with Toby Tire at elementary schools throughout Illinois.

Toddler Time

Evergreen Park Public Library's Toddler Time is an interactive story time program for children ages 18-36 months with an adult care giver. Registration begins Saturday, Sept. 14th at 9:00 a.m. and continues until filled. Registration must be done in person at the E.P. Library, on the 14th and the 15th. Phone registration (422-8522) begins Monday Sept. 16th. Toddler Time will be held Tuesday at 10:30, Wednesdays at 10:00, and Thursday at 10:30 and 6:30 p.m. from Sept. 24 through Oct. 31. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to the library on Oct. 29th, 30th, and 31st.

Senior Citizens' Oktoberfest luncheon

The Senior Citizens' Council of Evergreen Park will host their Oktoberfest luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the Auditorium of the H.B. Maher Community Center at 12:30 p.m. The menu includes brats, potato salad, sauerkraut, desserts and beverage. Tickets are available at OCS. Ticket deadline is October 25. This event is a council fundraiser.

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Alley debate divides village board

By Kevin Plienis

A proposal to amend the ordinance approving a two-lot resubdivision and granting certain lot width and area variations of the 5466 S. Edison Ave property sparked debate at the Village Board Meeting on Sept. 24.

Trustee Robert Streit asked that the paving of the alley be amended to the ordinance. "The subdivision had generated a meeting with the residents," said Streit.

"There were a couple of agreements that came out of that meeting, one was that the garages would be built to face the alley and the other was the Village would pave the alley," said Streit.

"I do feel we should stand behind the agreement we made," said Streit.

"That has nothing to do with the ordinance," responded Mayor Kolb.

"I think we should hold on the ordinance itself and get back to the alley," said Kolb.

Streit disagreed. "Residents will probably lose faith in their government if we didn't stand behind that and I think rightfully so," said Streit. Mayor Kolb said that the other trustees were not present when he and Streit agreed about paving the alley in their meeting with residents.

Trustee Keane strongly opposed this amendment along with trustees Hurckes and Joy.

"Currently when we go into our finance meeting, the village is \$2 million away from balancing their budget," said Keane. "Making it \$2 million-eighty-eight thousand for this alley at this time - I don't think we should be talking about spending extra money when we don't have enough money right now to pay the bills next year," said Keane.

The Board came to a 3-3 vote with the Mayor voting to pass the ordinance.

However, Mayor Kolb said that plans for paving

the alley would be placed on a priority list for the second half of next year.

The request for vacation of a portion of Menard Avenue North of 95th Street and portion of the 16' wide east/west alley east of Menard Avenue was passed.

David Sosin, the attorney for Napleton Dodge, signed this petition on behalf of Napleton Dodge which owns all of the property that abuts the proposed portions of the street and alley requested to be vacated.

According to the Public Works and Quality Control report by Lynn J. Krauss, residents felt that emergency vehicle and bus accessibility would become difficult as well as pedestrian access to 95th Street due to the proposed vacations.

Concerns were raised by Oak Lawn Community High School representatives that the vacations could change the pattern of buses dropping athletes off

who use their baseball field.

The plan included a replacement alley north of the existing alley to accommodate emergency vehicles and garbage trucks.

A public parking lot on the north side of the alley would accommodate customers of the businesses there.

A public walkway was added to the plan to provide access from Menard Avenue north of the proposed vacation of 95th Street.

An "eyebrow" type bus turn-around on the west side of Menard Avenue would allow buses to drop and pick-up student athletes at the north end of the baseball fields and then proceed east on 94th Street.

Fire department promotions opened the meeting. Lieutenant Richard Reno was promoted to the rank of fire captain.

Firefighter Theodore McManigal was promoted to the rank of Fire Engineer.

Library Trip: Scarecrow Festival

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Trip to the Scarecrow Festival in St. Charles, IL on Friday, Oct. 11.

Enjoy a beautiful autumn day with colorful, handcrafted scarecrows on display, an arts and crafts show in Pottawattamie Park, a cruise on the Fox River and lunch at Rex's Cork and Fork Restaurant. The bus departs at 7 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. The cost of this all-inclusive motorcoach trip is \$52 for Friends members and \$54 for others.

For information on how to purchase tickets, call 708-422-4990.

Graduate Receives Army Achievement Medal

Army Reserve Spec. Traci Burton participated in a demobilization ceremony as a member of the 814th Military Police Company at Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas.

Burton is a 1998 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Burton has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces, who while serving in any capacity with the Army in a noncombat area.



Mary Santillo, a woman of the century is with her 24 grandchildren. You can see the love these children have for her.

A Woman of the Century

By: Joseph J. Ruzich

When Mary Santillo was born in 1902 in Blue Island, horse and buggy were the main type of transportation, electricity was in its early ages and many of the streets of Chicago were cobblestone. A century later, Bridgeview resident Santillo will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 2. "We are celebrating what she has been, what she is and what she stands for: love, faith and

caring for others," said Santillo's oldest daughter Mary Dinello. About 85 family and friends celebrated her early birthday party held at Maggiano's restaurant last week. "It was a wonderful celebration," says Dinello. Just four months ago, Santillo fell and hurt herself. Her daughter says she didn't think she was going to make it. "To our surprise, she is recovering nicely. We are very happy." She is now in the care of Dinello.

Santillo, who has three children, also has 10 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren that

range from age 17 to the youngest of 3 years old. While being fortunate to have so many children, life for Santillo wasn't easy. In 1903, her father died at the age of 33 when she was only 9 months old. After her father's death, her mother moved with her back to Italy. She married at the age of 17 and about 3 months after her marriage her mother died.

In 1939, her husband Vincenzo became sick with pneumonia and also died. She was left a widow with three small children at the age of 36. But life wouldn't get her down, she worked at home as a

seamstress which provided enough money for her children--often working through the night. "With the help of God, she overcame all the obstacles of this difficult time," says Dinello. She went on to care for the sick in town with the supervision of a local doctor. Every morning she visited the sick and cared for them. World War II was another difficult time for her. She made room in her home for two families from Naples Italy, after they were evacuated from their home. Years later, the people of San Polo Matese, her home town, advised Mary to go back

to America because it would give her children more opportunity. In 1950 she came back and got a job sewing. However, she traveled back to Italy five times, the last time was five years ago when she was 95. Dinello says faith in God kept her mother going over the years. While being a parishioner

at St. Gerald's church in Oak Lawn for 34 years, Santillo repaired altar linens for the church.

"She is small in size but great in faith in God and caring for others," says Dinello. "She taught all of us to pray, especially the rosary and has been a good example to all of us - big and small."

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Driving Around in Style

By Annette Dixon

Every Tuesday at Frosted Buds, who the guys still call "Dog in Suds," the CRABS drive up to show-off their classic cars. They come from Chicago and neighboring suburbs to socialize, exchange ideas and even purchase cars from one another.

Over 75 classic cars are featured every Tuesday evening. They come to reminisce and plan their next road trip. Chicago resident Bill Chval stated that he and five members traveled to South Dakota this summer. Overall, he drove 10,000 miles just this summer (which included some trips with his family). Bill Chval, from 85th and California, owns a 1935 Chevy Master Sport Sedan. He built his own car in 1990

and finished it in 1994. The color is Sweet Georgia Peach.

About 6 years ago, Mt. Greenwood resident bought his 1950 Olds F8 Holiday Hardtop--which was restored in Santa Rosa CA. He purchased it because he had a 1950s olds when he was a teenager.

Lavon Blaylock, Evergreen Park resident, travels around in his 1928 Packard which he waited for 50 years to purchase. Lavon bought it 8 years ago from a friend and restored it himself. Blaylock also owns a 1946 Fiat and a 1959 M.G.

Alsip resident Bruce Bobich was proud to say he bought a classic automotive. He rebuilt this 1949 2 Dr. Corpe Mercury. He customized the front hood, grill and shorted the car by 3 feet. In addition, his



The color is Sweet Georgia peach and it is a class 1935 Chevy Master Sport Sedan.



fenders, skirts were all molded to perfection. The Mercury is a unique custom classic with a 350 Chevy

engine. The color is from the year 1965, an evening orchid. "It's quite beautiful," says Bobich.

Annual Gold Outing

The Courage program, a volunteer organization that works with single, pregnant young women and their families, is holding it's 1st Annual Gold Outing. The event will be held at Old Oak Country Club in Lockport on Sunday,

Oct. 6. Check in is at 12:00, with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The price of \$150 includes 18 holes of gold, a cart and a buffet dinner immediately following. For non-golfers, the buffet cost is \$50. We will be doing the drawing for prizes for our 21st annual lottery after dinner. Golf hole sponsorships are available for \$150. Please join us for a fun-filled day! For more information, call (708) 636-8001.

Social Security Taking Steps to Strengthen Integrity of the Social Security Number

The Social Security Administration is taking new steps to make it more difficult to steal counterfeit or misuse Social Security numbers.

Jo Anne Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security, said, "For several years now, our agency has been working to strengthen the process for issuing Social Security numbers and cards. But concerns about national security, along with the growing problem of identity theft, have caused us to accelerate our efforts."

Social Security's efforts to protect the integrity of the Social Security number include:

1) No longer issuing a Social

Security number and card to noncitizens who need it just to apply for a driver's license.

2) Testing an online system for employers to verify the names and Social Security numbers of newly hired employees.

3) Verifying with state agencies all birth records submitted by U.S.-born citizens age one or older who apply for a Social Security number.

4) Verifying with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) all immigration documents for noncitizens who request a Social Security number.

"We know that these initiatives may mean a delay in getting a Social Security number for some citizens and noncitizens," Barnhart said. "However, these actions are necessary to ensure the integrity of the number and help ensure that only those who should receive a number do so."

Commissioner Barnhart noted that her agency is working closely with the states and with INS to minimize delays and to issue Social Security numbers to non-citizens legally eligible for one immediately upon entry into the U.S.

"I want the American people to know that our re-

cent initiatives are designed to make Social Security numbers less accessible to those with criminal intent," Barnhart said. "They will prevent individuals from using false or stolen birth records or immigration documents to obtain a number. And, most importantly, they will help to ensure the integrity of the Social Security number for everyone."

St. Francis Welcomes newest Members of their Medical Staff

St. Francis is proud to announce the newest members of their medical staff. They are Manglano Tierney, MD, Anurekha Chadha, MD and Chadi Nabhan, MD.

City Clerk Laski Announces 8th Annual City Sticker Art Contest

City Clerk James J. Laski invites all Chicago high school students to submit artwork reflecting the theme of the 2003-2004 vehicle sticker. This year's theme is "Chicago Heroes," focusing specifically on police, fire, paramedic or military personnel. Entries must be submitted to the Clerk's office by 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

This art contest allows our talented Chicago high school students to exhibit their creativity. With this in mind, it is important that the design reflects the heroism and selflessness that members of these professions regularly display. The winning artwork will depict a creative vision of police, firefighters, paramedics and military personnel that the students believe to be their real life heroes.

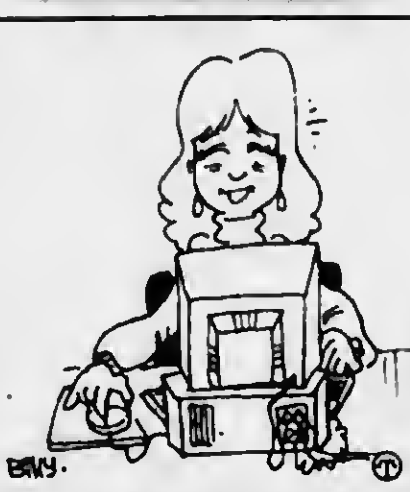
"Each year this contest has a different theme and I believe this year's theme is especially important due to the tragedies that have taken place all over the world. Police, firefighters, paramedics and military personnel are often overlooked for the daily heroic activities they perform," stated Laski.

A panel of celebrity judges, including members of the local media, artists and sports personalities will review all entries. The top ten finalists will have their art displayed in the *Chicago Sun-Times*. The public will then select the winner through a phone-in vote.

All high school students are invited to mail-in their sticker design. The winning design will grace 1.5 million windshields next year. The student submitting the winning entry will receive a \$1,000 savings bond award and a special certificate to be presented by the Chicago City Council. Second and third place contestants will receive a \$500 and \$250 savings bonds respectively. Mayor Richard M. Daley and City Clerk Laski will recognize all finalists at a city council meeting scheduled for January.

For more information, please contact (312) 744-7404.

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Specially trained real estate agents, such as those in the Century 21 Builder Connections program, can also bring up other factors that home buyers may not previously have considered, such as the suitability of a particular project or community to the home buyer's lifestyle. Do you really want a community with a pool or would you prefer a walking trail? Is it important to have a nearby golf course? Would you like an easy-to-care-for yard? Also, similar-looking new houses often come complete with restrictions imposed by the developer on house color, landscaping, renovations and anything else a homeowner could possibly do to make their house deviate from the preferred look. For more information on having a real estate agent help you build a home, visit www.Century21.com.

Judges to Address Senior Organization

Judges Themis N. Karnezis, Clayton J. Crane and Barbara McDonald will address the Worth Township Senior Citizen Organization, Friday, Oct. 4 at 12:45 p.m. at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. Jean Gergets, coordinator, announced that the judges will discuss their role as part of the largest judicial system in the country. Judge Karnezis is currently as-

signed to the Appellate Court in the 1st district. He was appointed a Circuit Court Judge by the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1989 and elected Circuit Judge in 1990. Judge Crane is currently in the Criminal Law Division of the circuit court of Cook County. He was first elected to the bench in 1996. Admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1975, he served as an Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County.

Judge Barbara McDonald is currently assigned to the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. She was first admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1980 and is a graduate of Notre Dame Law School.

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood will hold their annual craft fair on Sunday, October 13, 2002. The time is 10:00 AM to 4:00

PM. The address is 3715 W. 111th St., Mount Greenwood Park.

There will be homemade crafts as well as home demonstration/party items and food tables. There are still a few spaces left for exhibitors.

For information call Nancy at 773-429-1141 or Kim at 773-779-8439.

Make a Contribution to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation

A commemorative contribution made to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is lasting way to give a memorial, a special way to bestow a tribute or a thoughtful way to honor someone on a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary or retirement. Each gift to the Library Foundation is acknowledged with a card sent according to your wishes. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Library Foundation commemorative gift envelopes are available in the community information centers of the Oak Lawn Library at their reception booth. The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation was founded in 1993 to seek private sector support for maintaining the excellence of materials and services offered by the Oak Lawn Public Library. The foundation is a nonprofit, 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization governed by a volunteer board of

time and energies allow us to operate without administrative cost. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer at (708) 422-4990.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings at Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free blood pressure screenings at the Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on the second Wednesday of every month at 1-3 p.m. The next scheduled screening date is October 9. For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Advocate Christ Medical Center, (708) 346-3289, or the library, (708) 422-4990.

Register to vote in Orland Park

Orland Park Village Clerk David P. Maher reminds residents that Tuesday, October 8, 2002 is the last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to cast your vote in the upcoming November 5, 2002 General Election. Voter registration will reopen two days after the election which is November 8, 2002. You must be a registered voter to vote in any election.

"Persons who are U.S. citizens, will celebrate their eighteenth birthday on or before November 5, 2002, have recently moved to Orland Park, moved from one Orland Park address to another, changed their names, were removed from the voters rolls, had a problem the last time they tried to vote or have never registered to vote, must register by the deadline to be eligible to vote in the November 5, 2002 General Election," said Maher. Two forms of identification are all you need; one with your name and current address such as a driver's license, library card, a piece of postmarked mail, etc.; the other with simply your name such as a credit card, ID, Jewel or Dominick's card, etc. The

Meany to be Honored

Vice President Kathleen Therese Meany, with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Parthenon Restaurant, 314 South Halsted Street.

Meany was elected a commissioner in 1990 and elected Vice President in 1994, and re-elected in 1996. She is completing her second term and is a candidate in the upcoming Nov. 5 election. The Commissioner has been a teacher for many years with the City Colleges of Chicago, where she teaches Political Science. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Roosevelt University and a master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

entire registration process takes only about ten minutes.

The Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM and will also be open for voter registration on Saturday, September 21st, September 28th and October 5th from 9 AM to 1PM. The Clerk's office is located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

For more information, please call Clerk Maher's office at (708) 403-6150.

Oak Lawn Resident Invents Scaffold Safety System

Invention Submission Corporation announces that one of its clients, an inventor from Oak Lawn, has created an item that would make scaffolding safer to use in a wide variety of construction trades.

The Scaffold Safety System would protect workers from falling off a scaffold and being seriously injured or even killed. With the unit in place, workers would be less concerned about safety on a scaffold and could concentrate more fully on their jobs. Designed as a simple and effective new way to improve safety at the job site, it may help reduce the number of work days lost to injury.

With the Scaffold Safety System, contractors could meet or exceed strict government safety regulations and avoid expensive fines. The device would be easy to transport, store and set up, and it could be used while painting, installing brick or siding or performing any number of other task. A prototype of the Scaffold Safety System exists.

It is currently available for licensing or sale to manufacturers or marketers. For more information write Dept. 01-CIL-1572, ISC, 217 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or call (412) 288-1300 ext. 1368. Also visit their web site at www.isc-online.com.



"It's Elementary Astrology"

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A Monthly Forecast for October 2002
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"It's Elementary Astrology" A Psychic Insight based on the Elements: *Water [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] *Earth [Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn] *Fire [Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] *Air [Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and Astrology Sun Signs. I have Ten New Commandments to share with you...ask about them.

***Water Signs:** This is a month to make firm decisions and stand by them. Some people are difficult to live with or deal with and seem to pride themselves on being difficult especially if they are N...W or E (first or last names). Health seems better, finances improve and you will feel loved beyond your dreams. Your own sexual prowess has come around full circle. You are reborn sexually! Just do your best and let God do the rest, and all comes out favourably. Trust!

***Earth Signs:** There is surely a need to finish whatever you had started before moving on to new things. Apparently, however, a mate or family member finds fault with you. Talk things out, don't shout them out! Health seems balanced and money matters turn out well, but there may be a health issue to deal with. Have a check-up and ask your doctor about taking Oral Chelation or Vitamin O which is Oxygen in a bottle. S or P involved in this months activities.

***Fire Signs:** Feeling a bit down because things have jammed up on you? Well, take this advice; clean up the clutter and you will clean up your health, both physically and emotionally. Don't look back at your yesterdays with anger or resentment for what you have not accomplished and give yourself more credit for what you have achieved! Housing matters to deal with. Someone acts like an Angel-Helper to get this area of your needs provided to you. Speak up and let those you work with in on your plans. K or C can help you if you ask.

***Air Signs:** Look around and then box up and sell or give away those unnecessary things that have no current value to you...give them away or sell them. There are people who would benefit greatly from having those things. This is a "feel good" month, find fun, find love, find yourself feeling more secure and a lot more loved. S and J involved and someone K or C. Those of you who do not have a partner in life suddenly find one. Drink more water-take your vitamins!

NOTE: I can see into anyone's YEAR ahead - my Personal Psychic Services are available on a One-on-One basis, in my office or by phone, taped for your later recall. Also, consider my "Making Contact" Seminar on Oct. 16th...I can contact someone who has passed over. Send for Free Brochure of my other Services [including Kirlian Photography] at P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 or call 708-597-5866 You can also go to my websites: JackiMari.Com and TheDailyPsychic.Com and Sherlockjacki.com (I am a Professional Profiler). My newest cassette tapes are GENII...let yourself release your Genii-self to get you what you need or desire, and the GENII Weight Loss Tape. \$10.95 total cost each [includes mailing].

Jacki Mari [Sherlockjacki]

Oak Lawn Library hosts Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, Sept. through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in their Conference Room. Reading material is available in advance and everyone is welcome to join. A short story discussion group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. They will meet Oct. 9 to discuss "Along the Frontage Road" by Michael Chabon and Nov. 13 for "The New Villa" by Anton

Chekhov. Copies of these short stories can be picked up one month in advance at the fiction desk, first floor. A book discussion group meets the fourth Wed of every month at 1 p.m. They will meet Oct. 23 to discuss "Postville" by Stephen G. Bloom and Nov. 20, one week earlier due to the holiday, for "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham. Copies of these books can be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk, first floor. For additional information information, call Beth Baird, (708) 422-4933.

Haunted House

Attention all you ghosts and goblins! The United Methodist Church of Worth,

7100 W. 112th Street, Worth, IL, will again present its "Haunted House" on October 18, 19, 25 and 26 from 7:00-11:00 PM, and October 20, 24, 27 and 31, from 7:00-10:00 PM. The Children's Haunted House (ages 10 years and younger) is scheduled for Sunday, October 27 from 1:00- 4:00 PM.

Admission: \$6.00 - Bring a non perishable food item (1 item per person) and receive \$1.00 off admission!

Call 708-423-9754 to advertise in the October 15th Issue

Lopez Deploys in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark said, "The President of the United States that we're going to keep (the terrorists) on the run.

Fireman Ricky S. Lopez, son of John and Christina Lopez of Bridgeview, IL, is deployed on board USS Tortuga. Living up to its motto, "tough, tall and tenacious," the dock landing ship's mission is to transport amphibious assault vehicles and Marines to hostile shores and provide a launch pad for helicopters. Within the last year, six naval amphibious ready groups have transported Marines and special operators to Afghanistan in support of troops 600 miles inland.



Dorothea Hoch Received Award

Michael W. Schadt Memorial Award to Dorothea Hoch of Oak Lawn. Mrs. Hoch has been a dedicated and sincere Democrat for over fifty years.

Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him.

—Booker T. Washington ***

At the recent cocktail reception of the Worth Democratic Organization an award was presented to a long-time democratic worker, Dennis McGee, the newly elected Township Committeeman, presented this first annual

What makes resisting temptation difficult, for many people, is that they don't want to discourage it completely.

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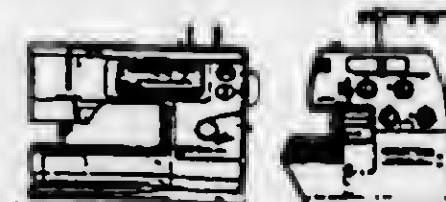
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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity

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All in All, It's a Human Thing

It's in the news again. Reparations from slavery. The concept that black people are owed money for past generations of slavery was recently given new voice at the 'Millions For Reparations March' in Washington D.C.

This is the event that gave a New York city councilman reason to say, "I want to go up to the closest white person and say, 'You can't understand this, it's a black thing and just slap him for my mental health.'"

The councilman responsible for that, not too logical remark, is Charles Barron who, along with Louis Farrakhan, is seeking retribution for black Americans. There is no denying that past generations of 'colored people' did suffer heinously under the bondage of slavery. There is not a human being with half a brain or heart who could dispute that. Notice that I wrote 'colored people' in describing past victims of racial abuse? Progress may have been slow to come but positive changes are being

embraced by the color-blind in our society. People of color are referred to as African-American these days, which is more ethically respectful than the derogatory denominations of yesterday.

I mention this because of something I've noticed in Farrakhan's speeches. In rousing groups of protesters, Mr. Farrakhan refers to his audience as black people, not Afro-American or people of color wisely choosing a racial epitome that ensures it stays a 'black thing'.

I guess referring to yourself as American doesn't sound very appealing when you're taunting the government with chants of, "Black Power!" "Reparations!" and "Start the Revolution!"

Also at this demonstration, Louis Farrakhan called for 'Land for political independence,' where he states that black need millions of acres as payment for 310 years of slavery. This sounds eerily like another conflict playing out in a faraway place in the world-filled with hate and with no real prom-

ise of commitment for reaching a peaceful compromise. So...where does the healing begin? Let's suppose that 3 trillion were distributed among every Afro-American whose history was rooted in slavery. (That would be a feat in itself)

Would that really change anything? Would hard working, successful African-Americans who struggled and beat the odds to gain equality and live with dignity, consider reparations a payment of blood money in the name of ancestors who also fought to rise above the line that separated black and white?

As a white, middle-class wife and mother, I cannot even fathom what it would be like to be denied my human rights. But, the truth is, neither can the people who are demanding compensation for the atrocities suffered upon their race, long before they were even born. No amount of reparations could replace or repay all the injustices done to so many innocent human beings. Learning

from past mistakes, building bridges to better understand on both sides, are priceless assets that money could never buy. When it comes to race relations, both sides of the fence are on the defensive. Both sides seem to miss the boat when trying to classify aspects in life as a 'black thing' or a 'white thing.'

After the attacks of 9/11, I was naive enough to think that Americans, hyphenated or not, would pull together for this great country that belongs to all of us. Black and white would shade to gray as people, in the name of freedom, would stand united.

There is a war going on. All of us are fighting for our survival and whether we win or not largely depends on the strength of our connection. As Americans we should be standing together, hand in hand, in harmony--with open minds and healing hearts. That's the right thing to do because after all is said and done, it all boils down to this--'It's a human thing'.

Stroke Mustang Screening Stampede Marching Band competition

The Village of Worth will sponsor an arterial brachy index screening commonly known as stroke screening on Monday, Dec. 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Village Hall located at 7112 W. 111th St. The arterial brachy index screening is a noninvasive procedure that consists of a blood pressure reading in the foot and arm and then calculation of a number which then describes how well blood is flowing throughout the arteries. The admission is free and no advance registration is required. For more information, call (708) 448-1181.

Don't forget to advertise in our October 15th Home Improvement and Halloween Issue

St. Rita of Cascia High School will sponsor its third annual Mustang Stampede Marching Band Competition on Sunday, October 6th, at 2:00 PM in Doyle Stadium, 7740 South Western Avenue, Chicago. High School bands from the entire Chicagoland area will be competing with their halftime performance on Cronin Field before a judges panel. Tickets are \$6 per adult, \$4 per child 13 years and under. To order tickets or for general information, call St. Rita Band Director Cindy Gradek at 773-476-8009 or 773-925-6600.

Voters Workshops offered at Daley College

September 23, 2002... "The fact is that in the last U.S. presidential election, only half of those eligible to vote actually voted. If history is any guide, less than 40% of those eligible will vote in the upcoming midterm election in November." With these words, Daley College professor Constance Mixon announced a project at Richard J. Daley College to reverse the trend of voter apathy.

Over the next month, Professor Constance Mixon and students from the Political Science Club will be hosting voter information workshops at the College. Professor Mixon is the current Illinois Professor to the Year, named by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is known for motivating students to become active participants in the political process.

The goal of these workshops is to help voters moved beyond the sound bites of candidate advertising and understand our electoral process. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to

register to vote and will learn where to vote in their local community. In addition, the workshops will provide non partisans information related to the candidates running for office and those in attendance will gain the valuable tools and skills needed to become active lifelong voters.

The voter information workshops will be held in Room L104 of Daley College. Dates and times are listed below:

Wednesday 10/2 - 3:30-5:00

Tuesday 10/29 - 2:00-3:30
For more information about these workshops, contact Professor Mixon at 773-838-7686, or Dan Landt, Acting Dean of Instruction, at 773-838-7543.

Call 708-423-9754 to advertise in the October 15th Issue

Meals on Wheels Program

Meals on Wheels Program is available to Evergreen Park residents (60 years and over) who are unable to prepare meals in their home through the combined efforts of PLOWS, the Office of Citizens' Services and

Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Meals will be delivered between 11:30 AM and Noon - Monday through Friday; one hot meal for lunch; one cold meal for dinner.

For more information on cost and eligibility, phone Jolene Churak (708/422-8776). If you are aware of anyone who could benefit from Meals on Wheels, please inform them of this program.

ROTC

Erich J. Sauer has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The camp provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of camp life, administration and logistical support.

Evergreen Park Mini-bus

One of the outstanding services provided by the Office of Citizens' Services for seniors and disabled adults of Evergreen Park is its mini-bus transportation. The OCS mini-bus operates Tuesday through Friday (9:00 AM - 3:30 PM) transporting clients to medical appointments within a five-mile radius, and business appointments to village merchants. Medical appointments take priority. The mini-bus is equipped to handle two wheelchairs. Services includes Evergreen Park Banks, Barber and Beauty Shops, Library, OCS Activities at Community Center, Plaza, Post Office, Village Hall and Wednesday morning shopping at Menu Mart.

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Building your nest egg with a SEP

Becoming self-employed may mean that you can leave behind office politics and some of the bureaucracy of corporate life, but it also means giving up employee benefits such as company-sponsored retirement plans.

One way to save for your retirement is to open a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan, says the Illinois CPA Society. As its name implies, a Simplified Em-

ployee Pension plan is one of the easiest ways for the self-employed and small business owners to put away tax-deferred funds for retirement. The SEP or SEP-IRA, as it is often called combines the higher contribution limits of a Keogh Plan with the simplicity and low cost of an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

A SEP essentially allows you, as the employer, to make

contributions to your own IRA and to IRAs that your employees set up and control. Your contributions to a SEP are tax deductible. Thus, they help lower your overall tax bill. And, like many other qualified plans, the money you invest for retirement grows tax-deferred until withdrawn, typically at retirement, when your distributions will be taxed as ordinary income.

Military News

Marine Corps Pfc. Craig P. Campbell, 11, a 2001 graduate of St. Laurence High School, Burbank, IL, recently completed the Small Arms Repair Course at the U.S. Army's Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md.

During the course, Campbell learned how to operate, inspect, maintain and repair rifles, pistols, shotguns, submachine guns, grenade launchers, mortars and other automatic weapons. Campbell also studied how to prepare weapons for shipment and storage, and related safety precautions.

With his newly acquired skills, Campbell is now ready to work at a military base armory, providing weapons support to troops deploying for exercises and operations.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Dennis B. Dalton, a 1995 graduate of St. Laurence High School, Burbank, IL, was recently designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Training Squadron 86, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.

Dalton was presented with the coveted "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training.

Dalton followed a training curriculum that included basic studies in engineering and navigation, training flights in simulators, aircraft familiar-

izations, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights, and landings and takeoffs about an aircraft carrier.

St. Louis de Montfort to host Foodfest

St. Louis de Montfort will host their Annual Foodfest "Taste of St. Louis" on Sunday, November 10, 2002 from 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM, at 8808 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, IL. There will be Square Dancing/Western Line Dancing, Giant Raffle, Games, over \$5,000 in prizes, all homemade Polish, Italian, and American food. Free Admission. For more information, please call 708/599-5300.

Army and Air Force News

McGuire graduated from Command and General Staff Officer Course

Army Maj. Robert A. McGuire Jr., from Palos Park, has graduated from the Command and General Staff Officer Course at the Army Command and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The 10-month course is designed to educate selected mid-career officers in the conduct of military operations during war and conditions other than war accord-

ing to established doctrine. The officers can therefore confidently accept higher levels of responsibility, especially at the corps and division levels.

The graduates were trained in tactical and technical combined arms proficiency and joint and multinational operations; how to prepare, fight and sustain forces in conflict, apply perspectives and embody principles, attitudes and values of the military, and effective use of oral, written and electronic communications. McGuire is an ordnance officer with 13 years of military service. The major graduated in 1985 from Brother Rice High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 1989 from Illinois State University, Normal. He earned his master's degree in 1998 from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

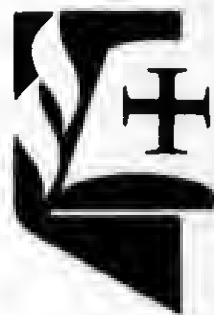
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kevin D. from the South side of Chicago, recently completed the close-in Weapons System Operation and Maintenance Course at Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Virginia Beach, Va. and was promoted to his present rank. During the 27 week course, Stehney learned the skills needed to maintain and operate the Phalanx Close-in Weapons System, a rapid-fire 20 mm gun that provides Navy ship with a "last-chance" defense against anti-ship missiles and other warfare threats. Stehney is a 1994 graduate of Marist High School of Alsip, IL and joined the Navy in March 2001.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Steven R. May, from Burbank, IL, recently completed a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, based in Norfolk, Va. May was one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS

Healy Graduated from Basic Infantry Training

Army Pvt. Patrick B. Healy, from Burbank, IL, has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and army history, core values and tradition. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battle field operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman. Healy is a 2000 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank.

John F. Kennedy Carrier Battle Group and USS Wasp, Amphibious Ready Group participating in joint-service, multi-national operations in the U.S.-led war against terrorism. Sailors and Marines from May's unit also participated in Exercise Djibouti MEUEX 02 which included aviation, amphibious assault, and live-fire and maneuver training. The training exercises and humanitarian missions took place in the East African nation of Djibouti. USS Wasp supports amphibious operations using Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCACs), which are specially-designed Hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces and deliver vehicles and equipment. The ship also has conventional landing craft and helicopters embarked, and is equipped with medical facilities staffed by Navy doctors, dentists, nurses and corpsmen. May is a 1970 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank, IL.



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Open House at Marist

With the new academic year and coed transition successfully underway, Marist High School will host two open house events and a new interactive program this fall to provide grade school students an opportunity to experience the excitement at Marist. Open house dates are Sunday, Oct. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 10 from noon 3:00 p.m. Each open house event gives grade school students and their families the chance to tour the school, meet with teachers, coaches, and staff, and review the academic, athletic and extracurricular programs available at Marist. New this year is the Fridays at Marist program. Beginning Friday, Sept. 27, and running until Friday, Dec. 13, current 8th grade students are invited to spend an interactive Friday at Marist High School. The day allows students to attend Freshman classes and meet with teachers, as well as experience Marist for themselves. They will listen to the band play a few tunes, visit the art gallery and much more; the day is truly designed for the students. Reservations are

Moraine Valley fall 2002 Enrollment Increases sets Record

The 2002 fall semester enrollment at Moraine Valley Community College is at an all-time high with 14,480 credit students. The record high fall enrollment is a 3.2 percent increase over the 2001 semester with 14,033 students. The highest enrollment previously was 14,414 credit students in fall 1999. There was a 5.9 percent increase in credit hours with 124,289 hours compared with 117,402 a year ago. The credit hour total also is a record high for a fall semester.

"We are pleased that Moraine Valley continues to be the college of choice for our community members," President Vernon O. Crawley said. We are meeting our mission of providing an accessible, affordable environment for learning that promotes quality in education and excel-

needed for Fridays at Marist. For additional information or to schedule a Friday at Marist, contact Alex Blown, Admission Coordinator at (773) 881-5330.

Oak Lawn Park District Offers Floral Design Class

Turn over a new leaf this fall by learning a new hobby. As part of its fall selection of programs, the Oak Lawn Park District is offering three new floral-design classes: Fun with Flowers, Ikebana and Wedding Bouquets. Fun with Flowers will introduce kids ages six through nine to the art of floral design. A wide range of projects will be tackled to stimulate creativity during this program's fall session, which runs Oct. 21 through Nov. 18 on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free is \$25 for Oak Lawn residents or \$30 for non-residents. A one-day, hands-on class in Ikebana will be offered for adults on Monday,

Oct. 21 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wedding Bouquets will teach you how to make your own bridal designs. This one-day, hands on class will be offered for adults on Monday Nov. 11 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For both classes, participants should bring wire cutters and glue guns to class. Adult fee is \$30 for Oak Lawn residents or \$35 for non-residents. All floral-design classes will be held at the Oak View Center at 4625 W. 110th St. and be instructed by David LaCognata. To register or for more information, contact the Oak Lawn Park District, at (708) 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Oak Lawn Beautification Award

At its monthly meeting, the Village of Oak Lawn's Business Development Committee presented its business beautification award to the Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Gold Course on Monday, Sept. 9. The award was presented to Oak Lawn businesses that upgrade existing businesses or create new business designs that complement the Village of Oak Lawn.

Specifically, the Stoney Creek Golf Course was selected to receive the award because of the design of its new clubhouse—which officially opened in Nov. 2001—and the extensive landscaping that surrounds it. "The Oak Lawn Park District has always been a leader in our community," says Mayor Ernie Kolb. "The golf course and especially the new clubhouse are an asset to Oak Lawn. We know the park district will continue to enhance our recreational facilities."

The new clubhouse features an English-Tudor style, helping it blend into its residential community. The westside of the building is accented by a mixture of evergreen plants—such as spruces and hollies—with wood-chip mulch for year-round beauty, says Time Scott, greens superintendent. The eastside of the building features an outdoor patio with canopies and a party tent placed over paved brick. A mix of ornamental and pompas grasses with perennial flowers keep the landscaping attractive throughout the gold season.

Capitol Steps Comedy Troupe comes to Moraine

Moraine Valley will present the comedic talents of the Capitol Steps comedy troupe on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m., in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater.

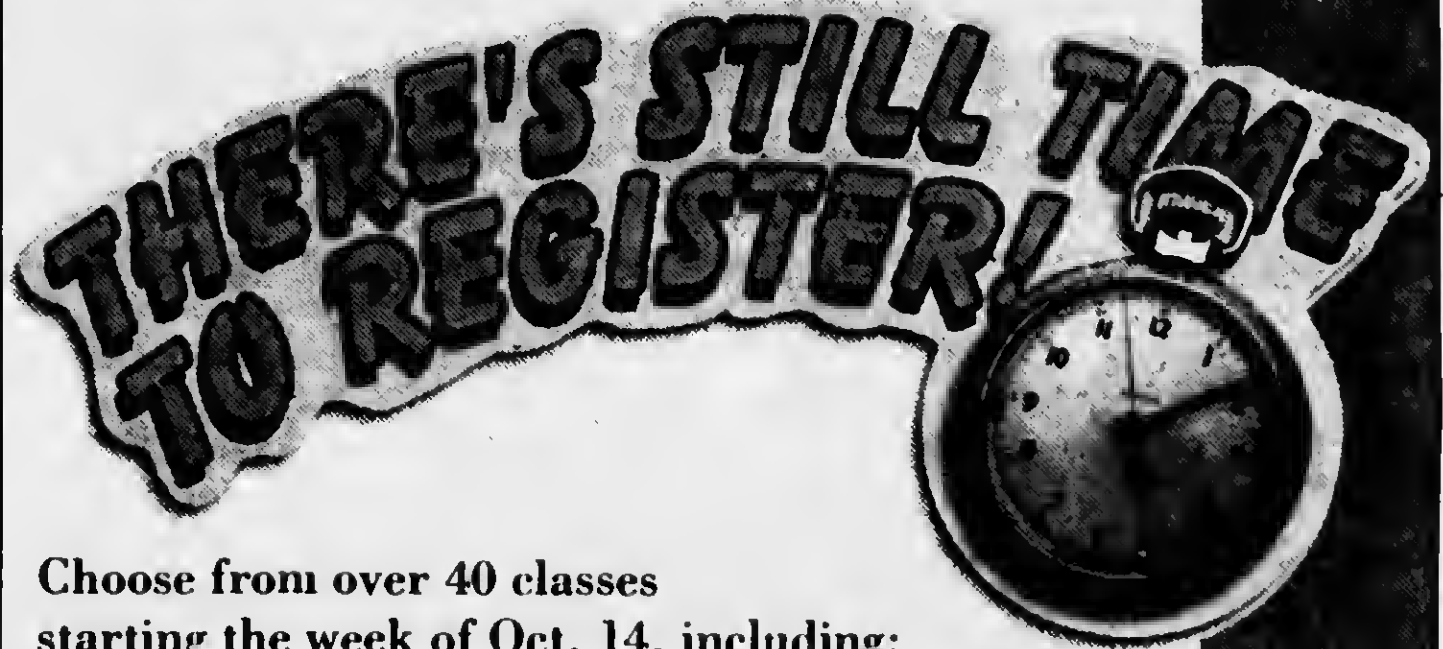
The Capitol Steps will stake their claim to fame as the only people in Washington funnier than the politicians as these former (but not

disgruntled) Congressional staffers take the stage to satirize the very people and place that once employed them. The Capitol Steps perform over four hundred shows a year, covering territory from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon. Since they began, the Capitol Steps have recorded 18 albums, including six during the Clinton Presidency. Over the past 16 years, the Capitol Steps have been featured on three national PBS specials, "Good Morning America," "Entertainment Tonight," "NBC Nightly News," and CNN's "Inside Politics." The Capitol Steps were created in Dec. 1981 when three staffers for Senator Charles Percy were asked to provide entertainment for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Christmas party. They ended up digging into the headlines

and hot topics of the day, creating new lyrics for familiar tunes. What emerged was a special brand of satirical humor that plays as well in Peoria as it does on Pennsylvania Ave, and thanks to the likes of Bill Clinton, Ross Perot, Socks the Cat and the entire Congress, the group has enjoyed an ever-increasing audience.

Many politicians and celebrities, some of whom have been targets themselves, have performed with the troupe, including Vice President Al Gore, Sam Donaldson, Michael Dukakis, Larry King and President George W. Bush. Tickets for this performance are \$25 for adults and \$23 for students and seniors. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee. For more information or for tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500.

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Letter to the Editor

I am tired of this nation worrying whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, we have experienced a surge of patriotism by the majority of Americans. However, the dust from the attack had barely settled when the "politically correct" crowd began complaining about the possibility that the patriotism was offending others. I am

not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely composed of descendants of immigrants. However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand. This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our individual identity.

As Americans, we have our own culture and our own society, our own language and our own life-style. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials and victories by mil-

lions of men and women who have sought freedom. We speak ENGLISH, not Arabic, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, German, Polish, French or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language!

"In God we Trust" is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right wing political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principals, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools.

If god offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because god is part of

our culture. If the stars and stripes offend you, and you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of the planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you come from.

This is our country, our land and our life-style. Our first Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his or her opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto or our way of life, I highly encourage you to take advantage of one other great American freedom, the right to leave.

Oak Lawn Resident

Celebrate the Season With a Fireside Christmas

The Fireside Dinner Theatre is proud to present the all-new 10th anniversary edition of a Fireside Christmas beginning Oct. 3. The holiday season starts early to accommodate the overwhelming demand for tickets to this cherished annual tradition. The entire Fireside will be a visual feast of holiday decorations. It's a unique Christmas celebration and a real treat for the whole family. The show is a musical revue filled with

song, dance and stories of the season in a wonderful mix of sacred and secular holiday favorites. The production is produced by Ed Flesch and written by Philip Wm. McKinley who has directed each of the Fireside's previous Christmas Revues. Musical direction is by Paul Hamilton with choreography by Paula Lynn. The cast of 17 singers and dancers were selected from the Fireside's New York auditions and includes some of the finest Broadway and Regional performers. Eight area children also appear in alternating performances.

A Fireside Christmas will be performed ten times weekly Wednesday through Sunday. Special children's pricing with a child's meal is also available for the Saturday matinees and mid-days on October 5, 12, and 19. Dining is required for all performances with a variety of menus available.

The Fireside complex is located on Business Hwy 26 on the south side of Fort Atkinson and includes several gift shops with an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and holiday gift ideas.

For tickets or additional information, call 1-800-477-9505 or write to The Fireside at PO Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, or visit The Fireside's website at www.firesidetheatre.com.

Antibody therapy may show promise against West Nile Virus

A possible new therapy that uses antibodies taken from the blood of patients who have successfully fought off the West Nile Virus to bolster the immune systems of those suffering from the disease may be effective in treating human patients according to Dr. Sidney Houff, chair of the steering committee of the Conservation Medicine Center of Chicago and chair of the Department of Neurology at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine.

However, the key to truly containing the West Nile Virus and minimizing the impact of other emerging diseases on humans and other

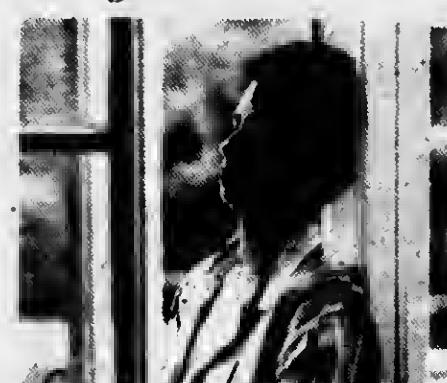
animals -- is to gain a better understanding of how the virus moves among animal and insect species, how the virus causing the current U.S. outbreak differs from those in earlier outbreaks and how the virus responds to medical treatment, said Houff.

"Experience over the last four years suggests that we are likely to see continued outbreaks of West Nile Virus infection," said Houff. "A better understanding of the disease and novel approaches to therapy should help us meet the challenge."

Houff noted that the 2002 outbreak of West Nile Virus may differ in several ways from previous epidemics.

Understanding Yourself Coping With Grief

(NAPS)—Experts say that pain often becomes more intense following a milestone date or anniversary of a tragedy. For those who experience a rush of emotions on the anniversary of a trauma such as the September 11th terrorist attacks, or at any time, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) offers these tips to help people cope with their grief:



- Talk. Trauma becomes more manageable when it's verbalized.

- Honor differences in trauma reaction. Your way is not the only way. Respect the different ways in which people cope and help them channel energies into positive activities.

- Reach out to those directly affected. Many people who are grieving feel that friends, family, and their community have forgotten about them. This can lead to increased feelings of isolation and loneliness.

- Do something to help. Make a donation of time or money to a victim service organization or plant a tree or perennial in memory of someone.

- Have family time. Plan for positive activities. By setting aside time for family around the anniversary, a child's sense of security and confidence can be nurtured.

Finally, seek professional support. Recognize that grieving is normal, but encourage people to seek professional support when they need it.

More trauma recovery tips can be found at www.madd.org, www.ncvc.org, www.pomc.org or www.try-nova.org.

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A Fun Night with the Butler

By Jude Coyle

I had fun the night I
watched *What the Butler
Saw*, which is a comedy
by British playwright Joe

Orton. It opened on Sep-
tember 23, 2000 at the
Noble Fool, Chicago's
Comedy Theater. I went
into the theatre expecting
no more than an escape,

and that's exactly what I
got. The play is a farce
about sex, authority, fam-
ily relationships and psy-
choanalysis, and is a good
way to relieve the stress of
day to day living. It is
funny, sometimes silly or
even trite, but a night out
just the same.

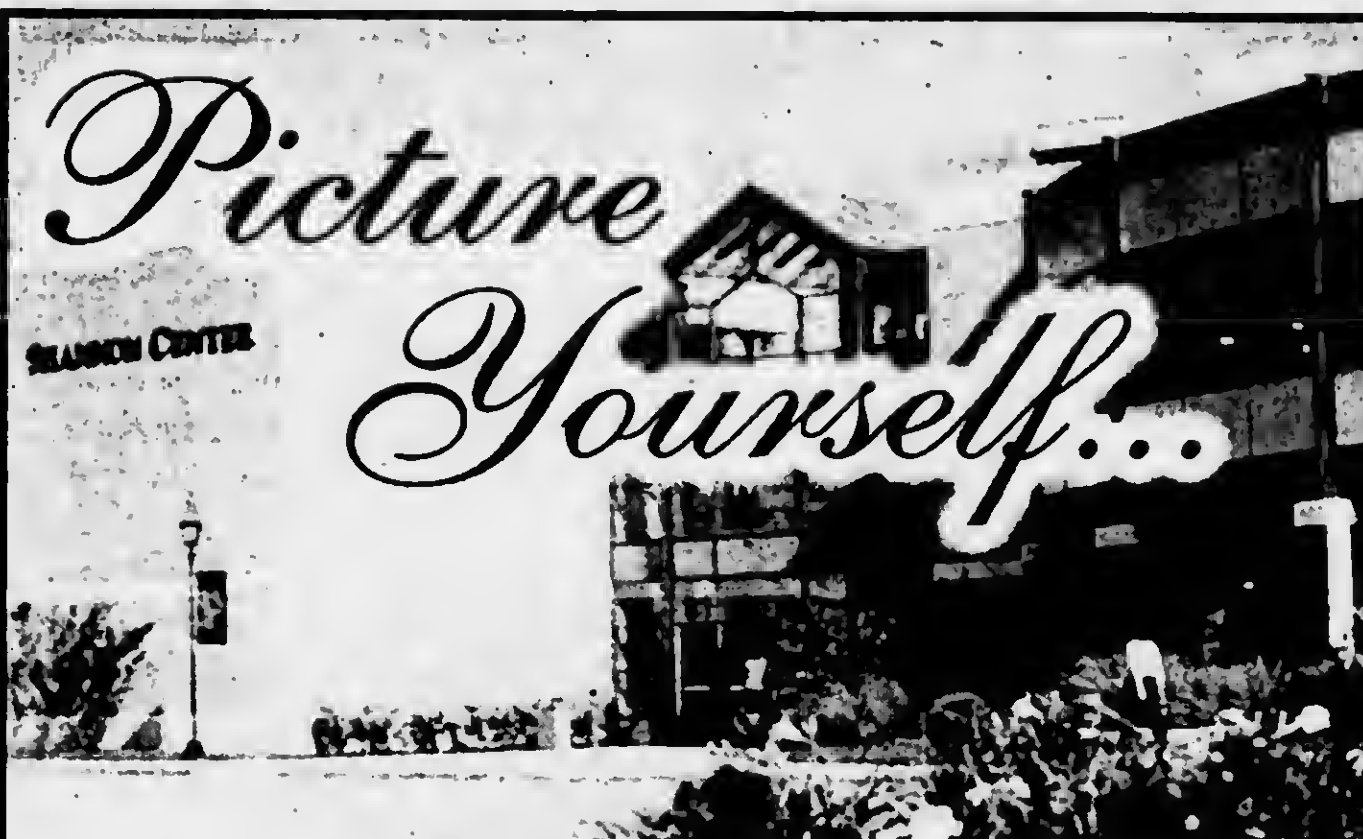
This production is di-
rected by Don Ilko, with
Paul Botts as Managing
Director and Jimmy Binns
as Artistic Director. Pat-
rick Carton played Dr.
Prentice. Andrea Wash-
burn played Geraldine
Barclay. Maggie Carney
played Mrs. Prentice.
Steve Haggard played
Nick Beckett. Brendan
Kelly played Dr. Rance.
Last but not least, Brian
Koester played Sergeant
Match. Without giving
away too much of the plot,
these six characters spend
their time mixing up the
plot and dropping their
clothing on the floor. As
much as I wanted to be
embarrassed by the lack of
outerwear, I couldn't. I
was enjoying myself.

British writer Joe Orton
wrote *What the Butler
Saw* in 1967. Unfortun-
ately he never lived to see
the play produced. Orton
died when his love
another playwright,
Kenneth Halliwell,
murdered him and
committed suicide.
Orton's family followed
through by producing a

small stack of previously
unproduced plays.

What the Butler Saw
runs through November 2.
Tickets are \$32 for Wed-
nesday, Thursday and
Sunday performances.
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Pictured above, left to right, is David Doherty, Michael
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Lynch and Joe McDaid.

Young Irish boxers visit

A group of young boxers from Donegal, Ireland recently
visited the Chicagoland area. Their visit was sponsored by
the Leo Boxing Foundation.

Pictured with the boys, second from left, is Kevin Joyce,
who is active in the Leo Boxing Foundation and McGarry
Boxing Club. He is a football coach at St. Xavier University,
and a former coach at Marist High School.

I Do, I Do, Comes to Polish American Heritage Program and Dinner

THEATER ALIVE WITH GEORGEAN FITZGERALD

It was a whooping return for live theater when the Drury Lane Theater, Evergreen Park, opened its musical comedy "I DO, I DO". Its theme is about the joys and pitfalls of fifty years of marriage. CEO/ Executive Producer John R. Lazzara and director-choreographer Marc Robin teamed up to present this tuneful warm-hearted show by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. It features the real-life husband and wife team of thirty-one years John Reeger and Paula Scrofano. At once amusing, astonishingly touching and truly endearing, the story of a marriage at the center of an intimate and nostalgic work by Harvey Schmidt and Tome Jones.

The show begins with Michael and Agnes on their wedding day and traces their life together over a period of fifty years until they leave their home to the next pair of newly-weds. We watch them go through their wedding

night jitters, raise a family, negotiate, and mid-life crises, quarrel, separate, reconcile is a fond scrapbook of warm, funny, whimsical, poignant and endearing songs. A charming theme with these hits: "I Love my Wife, My cup runneth Over, Nobody's Perfect, It's a well-known fact, When the kids get married, Father of the Bride, What is a Woman, Roll up the Ribbons, Someone Needs Me, and This House." The book and lyrics by Tome Jones, and music by Harvey Schmidt, this production stars Paula Scrofano, who has a long list of credits including the Good Witch in the Wizard of Oz, at the Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier, Jerry's Girls and Perfect Wedding.

Don't forget to advertise in our October 15th Home Improvement and Halloween Issue

Tinley Park Theatre Group presents 'Outward Bound'

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The Tinley Park Group has announced the cast for the eerie but ultimately touching dramatic fantasy, "Outward Bound" by Sutton Vane. The show will be presented at the Audion Theater located in Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th Street, Tinley Park, for six performances, Friday, October 11, and Saturday, October 12 at 8 PM and Sunday, October 13, (Time to be determined) and Friday, October 18 & Saturday, October 19 at 8 PM, closing Sunday, October 20, (time to be determined). Phone 708-342-4212 for tickets which are \$8 per adult, \$7 per senior citizen, with a special two for one ticket offer, Friday, October 11.

The show takes place in the smoker room/lounge of an ocean going steamer in the 1920's. During the voyage, it becomes apparent to the passengers, who are all bound from England, that none of them know where they are going. Their speculation leads to feelings of panic, fear, resignation and despair

as they come to the eerie realization that their final destination will change their worldly futures forever.

The cast, as chosen from a talented group of auditionees by Director Caroline Sexton (100th & Maplewood); assisted by Mark Dillon (Oak Lawn); includes Marilyn Baldwin (92nd & Hoyne), as the pompous Mrs. Clivedan-Banks; Michael Davenport, (100th & Maplewood) as Henry who along with Pam Plarowski (Oak Lawn), as Ann, are the confused young lovers who are also stowaways; Mark Eaton (94th & Longwood), as Rev. William Duke; John Madison (Oak Lawn) as Tom Prior, a troubled young man who first learns of the voyages destination; Don Maldonado (Burbank), as Rev. Thomson; Peter Simon (Lockport), as the hard boiled Mr. Lingley; Lil O'Donnell (58th & Rutherford), as the motherly char woman, Mrs. Midget; and Chas Seaton (Burbank), the kindly but mysterious ship steward, Scrubby. The

production crew includes Jim Seeberg (3800 W. 69th St.), Stage Manager and understudy, Amy Shultz, (Chicago Ridge), Costume Designer and understudy, James Kearney, (Palos Heights), Dialect Coach, Bob Brodsky, (Evergreen Park), Photography and Kurt Murphy, (Mokena, Set Designer. The show is sponsored by the Tinley Park Districts Art's Alive! Program.

Note: The Tinley Park theatre Group is a not for profit organization

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"New Year's Eve at Noon"

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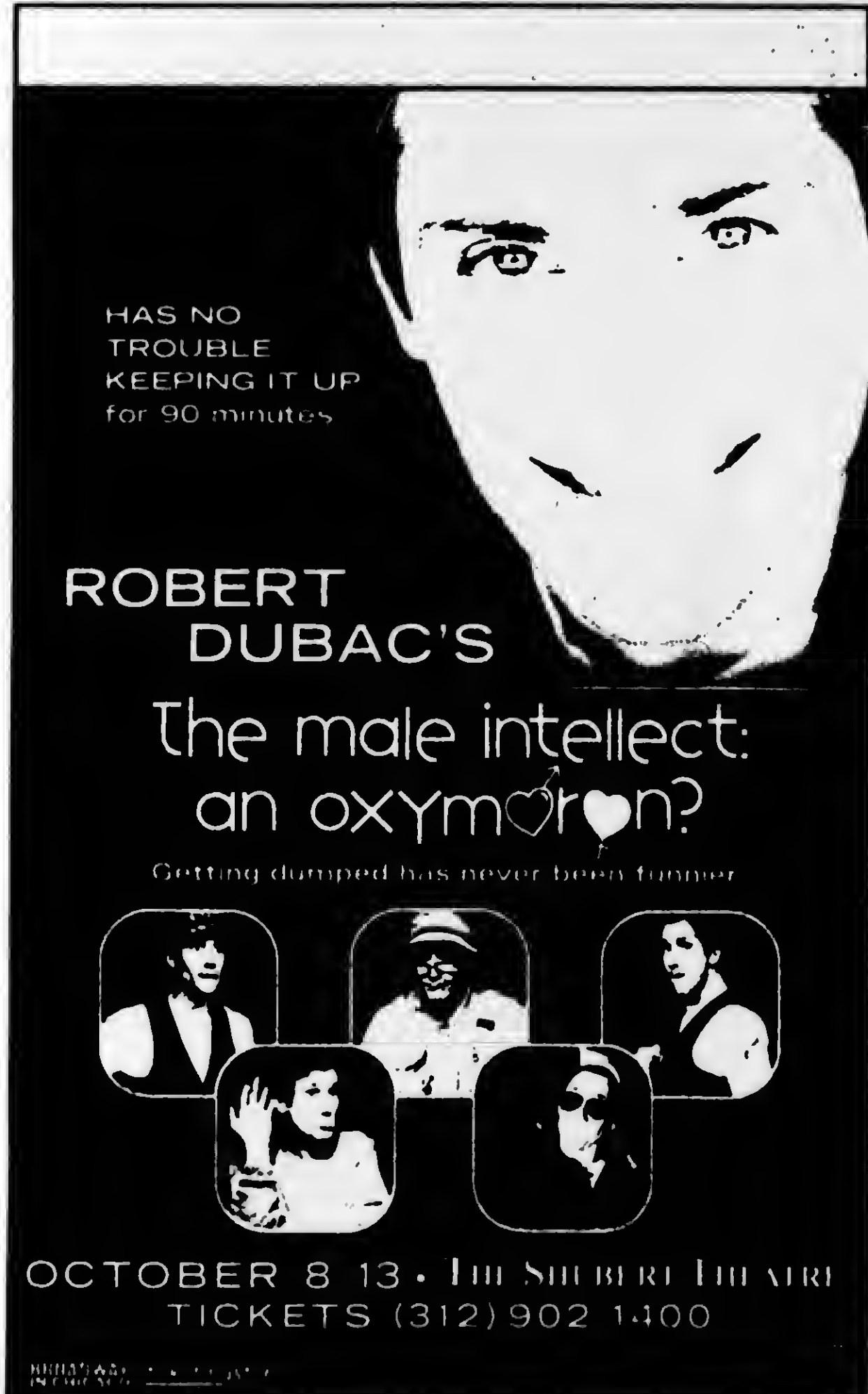
Free Chicago Southland Festivals and Events Guide

Get away...close to home! Spend a relaxing night or weekend at a local hotel and take in a nearby festival or event by planning now with the new Chicago Southland Festivals & events guide, released recently by the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Chicago Southland Festival & Events Guide contains 146 family-oriented activities from October 2002 thru March 2003. Choose the popular Reptile Show Oct. 5 and 6 at the Tinley Park Convention Center or maybe something a bit less wild like the Fall Choral Concert, Nov. 10 at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights.

Whichever festival or event you choose, the Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Guide details each offering, providing date, type, location, accessibility, and telephone numbers for additional information. Regional hotel and motel lists included in the guide make weekend getaway planning easy. Choose a hotel or motel with a pool and the entire family can get into the wim of things!

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Chicago (September 13, 2002) - Chicago audiences will have the opportunity to experience Savion Glover headline in the role he created for Broadway when the Tony Award-winning musical "BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK" is the ground breaking ensemble musical based on an idea by Savion Glover and George C. Wolfe. Directed by Mr. Wolfe, and choreographed by Mr. Glover, "BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK" utilizes the rhythms and energies of tap to celebrate the history of the beat by presenting text and songs which are comprised of Mr. Glover's tap; poetry by Reg E. Gaines; and music by Ann Duquesnay, Zane Mark and Daryl Waters. Savion Glover and George C. Wolfe won Tony awards for their choreography and direction, respectively.

George C. Wolfe and Savion Glover first worked

together in 1992 on the landmark Broadway musical "Jelly's Last Jam." During the summer of 1994, Wolfe presented Glover in "Dancing Under the Stars" at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park, an evening of tap dancing that was part of The Public Theater's Mondays at the Delacorte program. "BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK" grew out of Wolfe's idea of Savion as a living repository of rhythm. Wolfe comments: "From generation to generation, tap dancers taught each other their steps. The old timers passed their information on to Savion, and it landed in his feet, his being and his soul. Reinventing these steps he has created a new form, and through his choreography in 'BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK,' he is teaching tap to a new generation of dancers."

"BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK" started as a workshop during the summer of 1995 at The

Public Theater, where it opened in November to virtually unanimous critical acclaim by theater and dance critics, playing until January 1996. It then transferred to Broadway in April 1996 and reopened to a second round of rave reviews, nine Tony Award nominations including best musical and sellout crowds. In his review of the Broadway production, Ben Brantley of the New York Times exclaimed: "Sing hallelujah! 'BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK' is alive and flying higher than ever. This white-hot exchange of energy can sometimes be found at a rock concert, but rarely at a Broadway musical." The first National Touring production premiered in Detroit in October 1997 and toured continually until June 20th, 1999.

The new touring production of 'BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK' reunites the original creative team, including set

design by Riccardo Hernandez, lighting design by Jules Fisher and Peggy Eisenhauer, costume design by Paul Tazewell and projection design by Batwin+Robin. George C. Wolfe and Savion Glover return to direct and choreograph a new ensemble of dancers for this new tour.

'BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK' will play at The Cadillac Palace Theatre from October 15-20, 2002. The performance schedule will be as follows: Tuesday at 8 PM; Wednesday at 7:30 PM; Thursday at 7:30 PM; Friday at 8 PM; Saturday at 2&8 PM; and Sunday at 2&7:30 PM.

Tickets to 'BRING IN 'DA NOISE, BRING IN 'DA FUNK' range in price from \$22 to \$62 and are available at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe St., 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St.) by calling the Broadway In Chicago Ticketline at (312) 902-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket cen-

ters (including all Carson Pirie Scott stores, Tower Records, Hot Tix, select Conco, Record Town, and Camelot locations) or at Ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more may receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.

Fireside Christmas

The Fireside Dinner Theatre is proud to present the all-new 10th anniversary edition of A Fireside Christmas beginning Oct. 3. The holiday season starts early to accommodate the overwhelm-

ing demand for tickets to this cherished annual tradition. The entire Fireside will be a visual feast of holiday decorations from the minute you walk through the doors. It's a totally unique Christmas celebration and a real treat for the whole family. The show is a musical revue filled with song, dance and stories of the season in a wonderful mix of sacred and secular holiday favorites. The Fireside complex is located on Business Hwy 26 on the south side of Fort Atkinson and includes several gift shops and an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and holiday gift ideas. For tickets or additional information, call (800) 477-9505, or write to The Fireside at PO Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538.

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The Shanghai Ballet comes to the Chicago Theatre

As part of the new Crossroads series, the Chicago Association for the Performing Arts is proud to present the Shanghai Ballet, performing the classic full-length Coppelia, at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State Street, Saturday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. This is the first in the Crossroads series of programs that will showcase a variety of dance and musical acts from around the world. The Chicago Association for the Performing Arts has operated the Chicago Theatre since 1998. Tickets, priced from \$45 to \$23 are now on sale at the Chicago Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. To charge by phone, call (312) 902-1500. There is a 10 percent discount for children and students with a valid ID. Groups of 10 or more should call (312) 922-2110, ext. 4. Coppelia, the story of a magician's attempt to bring a doll to life and the fickle love of youth. In Coppelia, Dr. Coppelius creates a doll so lifelike and beautiful she cap-

tures the heart of a young villager and the jealous attention of his fiancée. Part comedy, part metaphor for the eternal frustration of the artist, Coppelia is a delectable entertainment with surprising weight. For more information on the 2002-2003 Chicago Theatre Crossroad series or the Chicago Association for the Performing Arts, please visit www.capa.com or call the Chicago Theatre at (312) 263-1138.

Rummage Sale

The Ashburn Evangelical Lutheran Church 3545 W. 83rd St. will hold its annual rummage sale Friday Oct. 11 from 9-5 p.m. Saturday is bargain bag day. Fill a bag for one low price! Items include 2 window AC units, clothing for all ages, household goods, books, electronic items, tools, toys and furniture. Everyone leaves with a bargain. For more information call, (773) 737-2620 . . .

Dr. Dale Fast Named Interim Dean

Saint Xavier University announces the appointment of Dr. Dale Fast, Associate Professor of Biology, as in-

terim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

"We are fortunate that Dr. Fast has agreed to assume the interim dean position," said Dr. Christopher Chalokwu, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "I am confident that the School of Arts and Sciences is in good hands and that he will serve the school

and University very well."

A highly regarded member of Saint Xavier's faculty since joining the University in 1975, Fast has made outstanding contributions as Chair of the Biology Department, President of the Faculty Senate, member of the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee, and Presi-

dent of the Faculty Affairs Committee. He has done extensive research of Fragile X syndrome and has been a pioneer with implementing technology into the classroom. He serves on the University's Faculty Affairs and Science Building Planning Committees and has been a member of the University Web Committee, the President's Technology Task Force; and Library Planning Group. For his commitment to education, Fast also has been the recipient of the Saint Xavier University award and the University's Excellence in Scholarship award twice.

Fast received his baccalaureate degree from Tabor College in Hillsboro Kan. and Ph.D. in biology from the University of Chicago. His professional affiliations include the American Association of University Professors, Association of College and University Biology Educators, Council for Responsible Genetics, and the Midwest Technology Teaching Academy. Fast replaces Dean Larry Frank. . . .

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Lutheran Church Fall Gathering

The Women of Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding their Fall Gathering on Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature Mr. Rex Newell of Rex's Antiques. Mr. Newell buys, sells, appraises and conducts estate cleanouts. Everyone (men and women) are invited to come. You may bring an item to be evaluated, however, due to time limitations only the first 30 can be considered. The program will not only be entertaining but informative. Canned goods will be collected to go to the PADS Program at Pilgrim Faith Church, and a free-will donation will aid the Good Samaritan Fund at Trinity. Free refreshments will also be served so come join us for some fun and fellowship at the Church 9701 S. Brandt in Oak Lawn.

Free Square Dance Lesson

Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club announces square dance lessons 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Central Junior High School, 94th and Spaulding, Evergreen Park. If you like to exercise you can square dance! First lesson Free for new dancers. Then \$3.50 is the regular weekly fee for lessons. Enrollment ends Tuesday, Oct. 8 and lessons continue through the year. You can pay at the door. A caller will walk you through the steps. Adults of all ages welcome. Come with or without a partner. Dress is casual for lessons so have fun and make friends.

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Gardens of the Great Basin now Open

The Chicago Botanic Garden is unveiling its \$14 million Gardens of the Great Basin to the public this weekend. The three-year project is the largest since the Garden was developed 30 years ago. It includes the creation of three new gardens around the Great Basin, The Garden's central lake. Evening Island, Lakeside Gardens and Water Gardens offer bold color sweeps and dramatic, never-before-seen vistas. Two distinctive bridges connect Evening Island with the Garden's Main Island. Shoreline and ecosystem restoration serve as models for home and business pond settings. The Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe is open to the public at 8 a.m. to sunset. Admission is free, but usual parking fees apply.



Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey

Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4 from the all-new, uncut and

Women's Wellness Event at Little Company

The Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites all women to a special Saturday morning health screening and lecture. The Women's Wellness Event will take place at the Hospital, 2800 W. 95th St in Evergreen Park on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Christopher Sullivan, M.D., cardiologist, will provide the keynote lecture, "Women, Take Heart." This program consists of comprehensive blood testing including: cholesterol levels, chemistry levels, and complete blood count, colon-rectal cancer detection kit, blood oxygen levels (oximetry) and blood pressure. A \$45 fee includes breakfast and all test fees, otherwise valued at \$350. Space is limited and reservations are required by Oct. 25. Please call (708) 423-5774 for reservations or information, or register online on the "Classes, Sup-

port Groups and Events" section of www.lcmh.org.

Military News about Locals

Marine Corps Pfc. Graig P. Campbell, II, a 2001 graduate of St. Lawrence High school, recently completed the Small Arms Repair Course at the U.S. Army's Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md.

During the course, Campbell learned how to operate, insect, maintain and repair rifles, pistols, shotguns, submachine guns, grenade launchers, mortars and other automatic weapons. Campbell also studied how to prepare weapons for shipment and storage, and related safety precautions. With his newly acquired skills, Campbell is now ready to work at a military base armory, providing weapons support to troops deploying for exercises and operations.



SWSRA Receives Donation from the Blue Island Eagles

South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) received a \$500 donation from the Blue Island Eagles. SWSRA, a non-profit organization, is a special recreation cooperative

comprised of Alsip Park District, Blue Island Park District, Justice Park District, Village of Merrionette Park, Midlothian Park District, Palos Heights Recreation Department, Posen Park District and Summit Park District. SWSRA's purpose is to serve the recreation needs of area residents who cannot participate in their conventional park or recreation department programs because of a handicap, disability or other special needs. SWSRA programs are designed to increase independence and enhance the quality of life for each individual..

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Chicago Southland Chamber to hold Business Marketing Forum

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Inn-Select Tinley Park Convention Center will present a business marketing Forum, "How to Market Your Business" on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Topics include the marketing plan, market research and analysis, market objectives, strategies and tactics, product-price-and promotion and the art of selling. Cost of the program, which is open to the business community, is \$21 for Chamber members and \$26 for non-members. The Convention Center is located at I-80 and Harlem Ave. For registration or further information, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950.

A miniature lesson...

Are you the type of person who loves to learn new things? If so, come check out our 'How To...' program. Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM, we will learn how to paint miniatures. Join us again in November and December to learn much more. This exciting program is for anyone 9 or older. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

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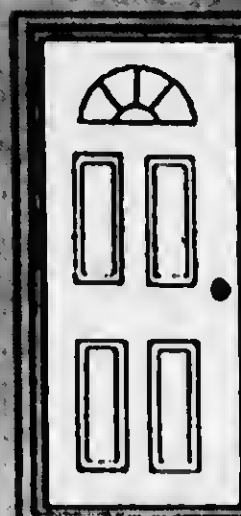
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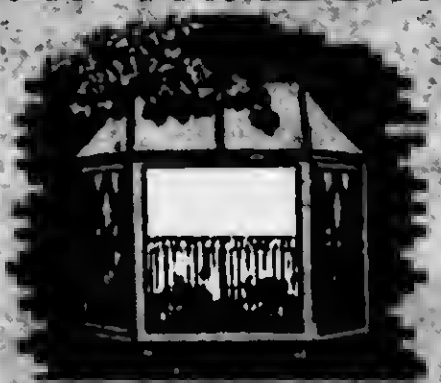


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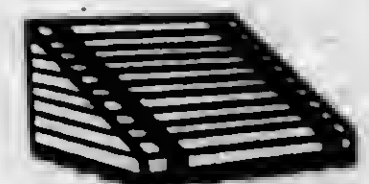
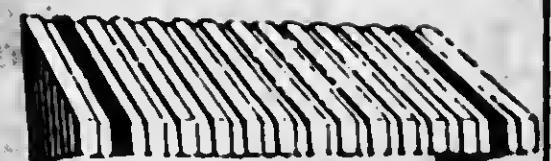
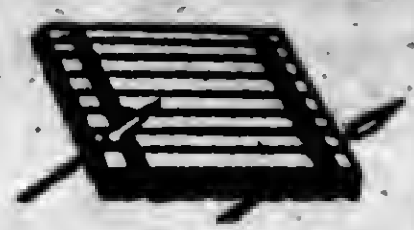
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Indiana Historical Society to Host 82nd Annual History Conference

With the 200th anniversary of the departure of Lewis and Clark drawing near, the Indiana Historical Society will host its 82nd annual history conference "Exploration and Discovery," on Saturday, Nov. 2, at its headquarters, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis. The conference will feature a variety of lectures covering aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the settling of the Old Northwest and Indiana.

Gary E. Moulton, professor of history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and editor of *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, will give the keynote address, "The Seven Habits of Some Highly Effective Explorers." He also will present a session on "Editing the Journals of Lewis and Clark."

A special feature at this year's all-day conference will be first-person interpretations of Thomas Jefferson as he prepared the country for

the Lewis and Clark expedition. As Clark, Lee will revisit the explorer's time with the expedition and discuss his role in Missouri's advancement to a territory and then a state.

This year's Willard Heiss Memorial Lecture, for family history researchers, is noted Old Northwest and pioneer-era genealogy researcher Lloyd D. Brckstrck of the Dallas Public Library. He will present two sessions at the conference, "The Old Northwest" and "Migrations across the United States to the Mississippi." The conference also will include sessions on period maps, women in the westward movement and frontier Indiana. Full registration for the conference, including lunch is \$37; \$32 for IHS members; \$22 for students 18 or younger. The cost to attend conference sessions is only \$25; \$20 for IHS members; \$10 for students. Seating is

limited and early registration before Oct. 18 is encouraged. To register call (317) 233-5659 or register online at www.indianahistory.org.

'Explore and Soar' with the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn invites you to "explore & soar" at our 3rd Annual Harvest Home Festival. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2002, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, at 9600 East Lake Shore Drive, Oak Lawn.

Experience art with World Renowned Artist Mr. Matt Lamb. Join us and enjoy an afternoon of 'hands on' activities, music, food and fun.

Folic Acid Not Just for Mothers

Both men and women should increase their intake of folic acid to help reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Researchers at the University of Ulster in Belfast, Ireland, found folic acid, a B vitamin also known as folate, and other B vitamins prevent the accumulation of high levels of homocysteine, a risk factor in heart disease and stroke. The risk of high homocysteine is similar to the risk of high cholesterol. Increasing folic acid intake can easily lower homocysteine levels and may reduce common risks associated with high cholesterol. While folic acid breaks down levels of homocysteine, three other B-vitamins--vitamin B12, vitamin B6 and riboflavin--also prevent its buildup.

Through enriched grain fortification, people can add an estimated additional 100 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid to their daily diets -- a sandwich with white enriched bread provides more than 70 mcg alone. All adult men and women, including women of reproductive age, should consume 400 mcg of folate each day. Pregnant women need 600 mcg per

day. Folic acid is needed before a woman becomes pregnant to help prevent neural tube birth defects. B vitamins can be found abundantly in enriched grain-based foods, including bread, crackers, bagels, English muffins, flour, pasta, rice, and fortified cereals. Other sources of folate include legumes, yeast, dark green leafy vegetables and some fruits.

"As we learn more about folic acid and its evolving benefits, it becomes increasingly important that all people, and not just women, maintain adequate levels of folic acid intake," said Judi Adams, president of the Wheat Food Council. "Fortified grain foods make it easier than ever to meet the daily recommendations. For more information, contact Sun Dee Mills, (816) 512-2326 or e-mail millss@fleishman.com

Jacobazzi recognized from his retirement

Commissioner Patricia Young of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, recently presented a resolution to Joseph D. Jacobazzi recognizing his retirement from the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Jacobazzi was with the Army Corps of Engineers for the last 12 years and was instrumental in designing key projects such as the Chicago Shoreline Project and the District's McCook Reservoir.

Officials from the Chicago District of the Army Corps stated that "as a direct result of Mr. Jacobazzi's work and dedication, the Chicago District of the Army Corps has advanced its reputation as an innovative leader in solving urban flood control problems as well as directly contributing to flood protection and drinking water protection for more than 8 million residents."



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Judges to talk to CR Seniors

Judges David P. Sterba and Frank Zelezinski, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and Peter Felice, attorney, will address the Chicago Ridge Village Seniors, Monday, October 7 at 11:30 AM at the Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge.

Theresa Hopkins, coordinator, announced that the judges will discuss their role as part of the largest judicial system in the country and Felice will talk on "what to do if you need a lawyer."



Judge Sterba is currently assigned to the Municipal District 5 in Bridgeview. From 1985 to 1990, he was

an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County.



Judge Zelezinski is currently assigned to the Sixth Municipal District in Markham, as the Supervising Felony presiding over Felony Criminal Cases. He was an Assistant Cook County State's Attorney for thirteen and one half years before taking the bench.



Peter Felice is an Attorney with an office in Lyons.

Moderating the panel will be Edward F. McElroy, who has been on Chicago radio and TV for over fifty years.

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Members of the National Honor Society Chapters from Burbank's three high schools, St. Laurence High School, Queen of Peace High School and Reavis High School, joined together as volunteers in Stickney Township's "Christmas in September" held at the Burbank Manor on Friday, Sep. 20. The event celebrates Christmas in Sept. for senior citizens who otherwise might find it difficult to travel during the inclement weather of the winter season. The participants enjoyed lunch and socializing and were treated to musical entertainment in the annual event, including the Peace Chamber Singers from Queen of Peace High School. The students acted as aides and servers to the participants during the course of the afternoon. The National Honor Society Stresses service as one of its four principles along with character, scholarship and leadership and this event is one way that NHS members of the three schools give their service to the Burbank Community.

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(NAPS)—Learning more about a surprisingly common and yet often misunderstood condition may help women get the help they need.

The problem is stress urinary incontinence (SUI), the most common form of urinary incontinence, which affects nearly one-third of American women over the age of 18. SUI is defined as the involuntary leakage of urine brought on by "stress" or pressure on the bladder such as when a woman laughs, coughs, sneezes or engages in physical activity.

According to a recent survey, the National Association For Continence (NAFC) found that few women recognize stress urinary incontinence as a legitimate medical condition. Eight out of 10 women mistakenly thought that the symptoms were a normal part of aging.

"Involuntary urine leakage can strike women in the prime of their lives. Whether a woman is 30 or 60, she needs to be made aware of the fact that urine leakage is not normal," said Nancy Muller, executive director of the NAFC. "Unfortunately, because the onset of symptoms is often gradual, many women learn to cope and only wait until their symptoms become truly unbearable before seeking any help."

Other key survey findings are:

- Women mistakenly indicated that having too much sex and drinking too much water puts them at risk for developing these symptoms.
- Over half believe that



New insights are leading to discoveries that can help women get relief from a common but embarrassing condition.

stress incontinence symptoms affect only women over 50.

- Forty percent of women with the condition reported that they began experiencing symptoms before age 40.

Pregnancy and childbirth are the leading causes of stress urinary incontinence. Other causes include nerve and muscle damage, pelvic and abdominal surgery and general loss of pelvic muscle tone.

"We receive calls from women every day whose lives have been disrupted by stress incontinence—it affects careers, relationships and a woman's overall sense of herself," said Muller.

Research demonstrates that the large majority of women can be helped if they are properly diagnosed and seek treatment. New insights into how the central nervous system functions are leading to discoveries—both in medical devices and pharmaceuticals—for treating accidental urine leakage due to stress, or pressure on the bladder.

For more information about stress urinary incontinence, women can call 1-800-BLADDER (1-800-252-3337) or visit the National Association For Continence Web site at www.nafc.org.

Pointers For Parents

Eight Tips For Choosing Childcare

(NAPS)—Selecting the best childcare arrangement for your child is one of the most important choices you'll make as a parent. With so many options available today, this may seem like a daunting task. How do you know which one is just right for your child, and what do you look for when evaluating childcare centers that may appear to have similar offerings?

"Every child is unique, so it's important to select a place where your child feels at home and the philosophy and approach to learning agree with your own," said Barbara Anderson, Ph.D., vice president of education for KinderCare Learning Centers, which operates more than 1,250 early childhood education and childcare centers nationwide.

Anderson says that once a parent narrows the search to locations that are convenient and affordable, there are a number of questions parents should ask when evaluating childcare facilities.

1. Is the childcare center licensed?

2. Is it safe? Is there fire protection, plenty of light, air and clean facilities? Are there formal procedures for the arrival and departure of children?

3. Is there enough indoor and outdoor space for both quiet and active learning and play?

4. Is there a clean, properly equipped area specifically for infants and toddlers? Is there appropriate interaction and nurturing of

infants and toddlers?

5. Is parent participation encouraged? Are parents welcome and encouraged to visit and observe at any time? Are there scheduled parent conferences and developmental progress reports?

6. Does the center have strict procedures for hiring caregivers? Is the director a professional person who inspires confidence? Do teachers have experience and skills in childcare methods? Are applicants fingerprinted when required by state law and required to take a medical exam in compliance with state

licensing regulations? Are background checks and written references mandatory?

7. Does the center have a written, planned program you can see in action? Are learning programs designed specifically for each age group?

8. Are educational programs focused on the whole child, designed to meet the social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs of children?

Anderson suggests carrying a checklist and taking notes while touring facilities.

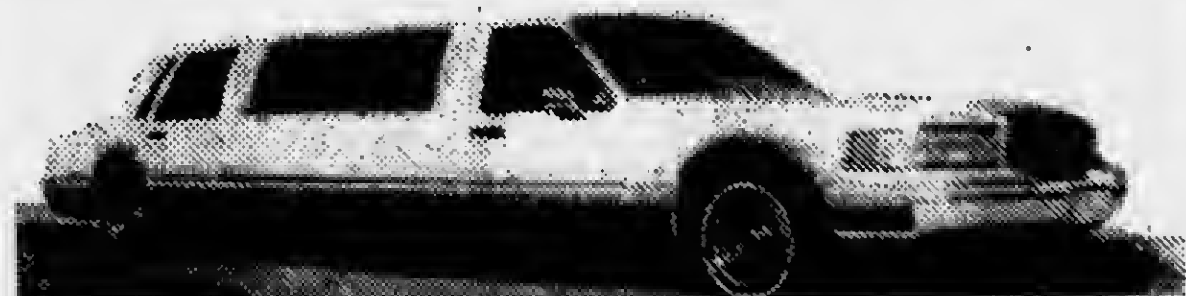
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3rd Annual Senior Health Fair

The Oak Forest Senior Health Fair will be held Oct. 24 at the Park District gymnasium, 15601 S. Central Ave., from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The fair is free to all attending. Refreshments will be in the Senior Room.

Flu Shots will be available- just bring Medicare card. If not covered by Medicare, the cost will be \$15. Cholesterol screenings, blood pressure and glucose screenings, chair massages, the Sertoma van for speech and hearing will also be available. There will be information available on many needed service from Blue Cross, CEDA, Senior Wheels, Dept. of Human Ser-



vices and Catholic Charities. The Medical Emergency Identification bracelet program will be available for purchase. This program is for any Oak Forest resident who has a medical need, regardless of age. The cost is \$11.00.

There will be information on at-home services for those

who need help to remain in their home and a display of medical equipment will be available to make people aware of various products for home use.

A pharmacist from Ingalls Hospital will evaluate medi-

cations in the "brown bag" program. Bring all your drugs for interaction information. Displays and information on joint replacement, adult day care, insurance and legal services for seniors will be available. The State of Illinois "ID" program will be available. You may renew driver's license, obtain license renewal stickers and obtain identification cards. All services or the Secretary of State will be available except for driving tests and license plates. The fair is sponsored and planned by the Oak Forest Senior Citizens' Commission for the purpose of making necessary information available to all seniors and caregivers.

sonal information distributed to otherwise unauthorized persons. Medical information, hospital of choice, doctor's and family names are kept on file in the computer. The program is sponsored by the Oak Forest Senior Citizens' Commission, Oak Forest Police, Oak Forest Fire Dept, and the Crime prevention Comm.

Medical Emergency Identification Bracelet Program

Oak Forest has a medical emergency identification bracelet program for all residents who have a medical need. The bracelet is available through the Oak Forest Police Department by contacting Lt. DeMarco at (708) 687-1376. The cost is \$11.00. The bracelet has instructions to call the Oak Forest Police Dept. and contains only a code number assigned to the purchaser. This allows proper emergency personnel to contact the Oak Forest Police and the medical information provided will then be given to doctors, paramedics and EMTs. This system protects the wearer from having per-

Marist band earns first place titles

The renowned Marist RedHawk Marching Band impressed the crowd at the 23rd Annual Harvest Day Parade of Bands in Dwight, Illinois on Sunday, Sept. 23. Twenty high school bands from around the state marched in the parade. Marist took first place for best drum line, best horn line and first place overall

in the Class A large band category.

Led by director Frank Manna and drum majors Michael Antonelli and Michael Osinski, the band played "Firestar" as they marched the 3/4 mile parade. The next parade for the band is the city of Chicago Columbus Day Parade on Monday, Oct. 14.

Tinley Park Village Board discusses creation of multiunit retail building

By Jude Coyle

On September 24, 2002, the Tinley Park Village Board granted concept approval for rezoning and annexation of the property located at the southeast corner of 183rd Street and North Creek Drive. Architect, Charles E. Smith, President of Arete 3 Limited, Design Group presented his idea for a 1400 square foot building that would serve as multi unit retail building.

The building would be broken into interior units, with parking to the south and a patio to the north. A line of trees fronting the property would provide a canopy, once matured, making this look like anything but the conventional strip mall.

Wendy's has space on one side of the building, and the Japanese Steak House on the other. Down the street from Wendy's is the Baymont Hotel.

Trustee Patrick Rea said that he was pleased with the building but wanted to restrict usage. "I'm not conceptual like some of the others," Rea said. "I want to see something that will work here and not just another vacant building." Trustees agreed that this was not the location for a video store

or something similar.

Trustee Seaman explained later. The Village is slowly developing 183rd Street, from Oak Park, to west of LaGrange. "We want to develop this properly, and with quality businesses," Seaman said. "Some businesses won't work."

The Board approved and final plat for the property located at the Southeast corner of 183rd Street and Ridgeland Avenue. Four lots previously approved as the Misty Pines Subdivision would also include a larger detention area. The property is located adjacent to existing water tanks on Ridgeland Avenue.

At an earlier meeting P.D. Harz Construction asked the Board to consider a concept change at their Millennium Lakes Subdivision. They planned to decrease the number of condominiums from 110 to 68, and make cosmetic changes to those buildings. At that time, the Board instructed Hartz to return with an even better plan.

At the September 24th meeting, the Board voted to adopt the final improvements made to the concept plan. P.D. Hartz agreed to the proposed 68 townhouses. The proposed several upgrades like PVC fence along the westernmost boundary line to screen residential development from commercial. Separate garage doors with brick columns will be offered on model units, and a choice of either 16-foot or two 8-foot doors on other units. Offsets on buildings other than 1, 2, 3, and 4 will deepen to 8 feet.

Ordinances requires vehicular traffic to stop at streets that cross Brookside Glen Drive from 191

St. to 88th Ave. No parking signs will be erected at Sycamore Court from 7 AM to 10 AM on school days. No parking signs will be erected at the cul-de-sac located at approximately 18600 South 81st Avenue.

The Board approved an incentive agreement between the Village and Gartner Saab in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 or for ten years for the development of an automobile dealership located at 8301 W. 159th St. Another incentive was approved for Schaff Windows, Inc. The Village will abate 50% of its portion of property taxes collected over the next 4 years.

Both items were passed with Trustee Hannon voting no. "I am opposed to the concept of giving incentives to businesses," Hannon said. In spite of that, Trustee Rea and others felt that the agreements were justified, and would bring a great deal to the Village.

Moraine Valley becomes Discreet Training Center

Moraine Valley Community College has recently become a Discreet Training Center-one of a network of 20 such centers in the United States that trains professionals currently involved in the computer industry who want to improve their skills and knowledge on releases of discreet software.

For more information about the Discreet Training Center at Moraine Valley, call Sandy Rizzo in Moraine Valley Workforce Development and Community Services at (708) 974-5409 or e-mail rizzo@morainevalley.edu.

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Bingo takes a beating before Palos Heights city council

By Kevin Plenis

"I object to introducing bingo as a city-sponsored recreation," said Palos Heights resident, Beth Paschall, at the City Council Meeting on Sept. 17.

"I feel government should not promote gambling as a means of funding its activities," she added.

Paschall addressed her concerns of the gymnasium smelling like smoke from bingo night which would linger the next day.

She mentioned that is "not the kind of air" she would like children there to be exposed to when they play sports like basketball. She pointed out that no other church or senior citizen group is sponsoring bingo in Palos Heights.

Alderman Prestinario responded by saying that they are considering prohibiting smoking at other activities.

"We would not have it if wasn't approved by the state of Illinois," said Prestinario. "Other municipalities do have this," he added.

"There are rules about coordinating with other organizations too," replied Paschall.

The council told Paschall that "they will take everything into consideration." The main question Paschall pointed out in her letter was if the Palos Recreation Department is eligible in any of the eight categories under the Bingo License and Tax Act Rules. According to the rules, the organization must be conducted on a not-for-profit basis. It must fall within one of the following organization categories including: charitable, educational, religious, fraternal, veterans, labor, youth athletic, or senior citizens.

Paschall explained that for the Department to qualify under "youth athletic" they must have "activities for only those 18 or under."

Bingo must be operated only by volunteers since the Public Act 92-C305 (an act in relation to gambling) states no person may receive any kind of money for managing or conducting the game.

Paschall asked the council if this would be possible.

"They are all valid concerns," said Mayor Robert Straz.

"It's in the discussion stage right now," said Prestinario.

"There are answers to a lot of your questions," he added.

In other agenda items, motions were passed unanimously to grant temporary solicitation permits to the Palos Heights Lions Club.

The council also approved the motion authorizing the purchase (from the State Purchasing Service) three squad cars from drug asset forfeiture funds.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Straz swore in Mary Carik, as the new interim city clerk.

She has been a resident of Palos Heights for awhile and active in the women's club and community.

All members of the council voted unanimously in favor of Carik's appointment. She received a warm applause of welcome and recognition.

Palos Hills property tax increase on the ballot

By Jude Coyle

Jacquelyn Myers of Green Hills Public Library opened the Palos Hills City Council Meeting on September 19th with a plea. This year a referendum asking for an increase in property taxes for use by the Green Hills

Public Library is on the November ballot. Mrs. Myers pointed out that in years passed, the Library has asked for other increases, usually larger, and never passed.

"We're not asking for a new building," Mrs. Myers said. "We're just looking to keep it from falling down on our heads." She explained that the library needs air conditioning, had dealt with a partial roof collapse, and the need is present for a moderate expansion. "Harvey, Dolton and Chicago Ridge

have more room than we do," she said.

The tax increase comes to \$11 per every \$1000 of tax dollars spent. "In other words," she said, "If your tax bill comes to \$3,000, the increase would be \$33. She invited the public to attend meetings on October 16 and 29th to discuss the library's needs as well as the tax situation.

An 'off street parking' meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on October 3rd at 6PM. The police and fire departments will be represented.

Mayor Gerald Bennett reported that the Illinois Municipal League held its annual conference on September 12 thru 15th, 2002. This year it was held at the Hilton Chicago Hotel. Mayor Bennett described the activities as covering the entire slate of municipal issues, financial management, auditing procedures, budgeting for tough financial times, homeland security, gangs, federal surplus property program, park projects and renovations, etc.

Mayor Bennett moderated a forum on labor law update. The program included a discussion on recent court decisions concerning bargaining rights, lawsuits and the like.

Mayor Bennett was reelected to the position of Sergeant at Arms of the Illinois Municipal League recently. He also services as Chairman of the Southwest Central Dispatch, President of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and Vice Chairman of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

Alderman Al Pacek passed along his quote for the week. "Don't overlook life's small joys while searching for the big ones." Alderman Pacek did not know who said that originally.

Decisions made at recent Worth Board Meeting

By Jude Coyle

The Worth Firefighters and Police opened the

September 17 Village Board meeting with two presentations. First off, Reverend Trygstad of St. Mark's Lutheran Church sent along a Worth Village Flag, which had been signed by parishioners. According to Mayor Guzdziol, this is a thank you to the Worth's heroes for all that they do for the Village.

Secondly, Jim White, President of the Worth Firefighters Union presented a check to Raymond Schmude, President of the Worth-Ridge Panthers. The firefighters had purchased several raffle tickets from the Worth-Ridge Panthers organization, and won \$600. Mr. Schmude promised to use the money to buy equipment for both the football team and the cheerleaders. He said as he held aloft the check, "We never turn away a child who wants to play. Better they play than on the street."

Mayor Guzdziol announced that IDOT had given the Village the go ahead to decorate the bridge at 111th and Harlem. The Beautification Committee is considering painting a mural. IDOT also instructed the Village to have the banner advertising the Farmers Market removed, as there is a law against hanging banners on IDOT owned bridges and streets.

Trustee Sharon Wierenga addressed the Board about the possibility of closing the restaurant at Water's Edge Golf Course for the winter months. She was reluctant, but was faced with a possible \$5000 loss if it remains open. A discussion followed concerning possible uses for the room, which seats 60, like brunches, funeral lunches, showers and holiday parties. It was agreed that

those types of functions were ideal, but before taking a chance, the Village should advertise well in advance. The Board voted unanimously to close the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving.

The Board approved a preliminary plan for the Metra parking area behind the Village Hall, Police Department and Fire Station. Metra plans to even out the lot, eliminate the old foundation that divides the lot in two, and add more parking closer to the embankment. This was referred the Street and Bridge Committee for further study and recommendation.

The Board voted to keep the same Trick or Treat hours on October 31, 2002, as last year. That would be from 3 to 7 PM.

Trustee John O'Connell asked that the Board help the Lyons Club. They maintain a piece of property off of 115th and Harlem as a Christmas tree lot. Between Christmases, people park there, running over slips used to hold up Christmas trees, and smashing them. O'Connell said that he's seen as many as 50 cars parked there at one time. It's a popular spot for wedding parties and graduates to take pictures by the Cascade on the Cal Sag Channel. The Lyons have asked the Police for help before, but were told that unless the Board passes an ordinance prohibiting parking on that lot, there was nothing they could do. Trustee O'Connell asked the Board to please put such an ordinance on the next meeting agenda.

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Evergreen Park highlights

By Jude Coyle

Andrew Kariota of 87th and Albany spoke before the Evergreen Park Village Board meeting on October 7th. While painting his garage, Kariota said new chimneys will arrive at the old Foggio Plumbing building where they are building a new crematorium. Kariota asked the Board if this new business has a funeral services license. They were also concerned about emissions. The crematory sits next to a 6-flat apartment building.

Mayor James Sexton said that he explained in a phone conversation with Kariota, that the Village has issued a business regulation certificate, and that Building Commissioner Ed Clohessy is in contact with the owners. Funeral and crematory businesses are regulated by the state. As far as emissions, Sexton said, "They will give out less than the local Burger King."

Village Engineer Robert Boehm reported that work has begun in the Mulholland Subdivision. The Village is resurfacing one side of a block at a time so that traffic is not inter-

rupted anymore than necessary.

Engineer Boehm also reported that he had received calls about streetlights that are out. He called J. F. Edwards, the contractor, for service but had not heard anything. Public Works Superintendent Bill Lorenz reported that he called another place, and that the lights were going on as the meeting progressed. The Board agreed that any

costs incurred in using someone else should be charged back to the original contractor, and that is J. F. Edwards.

Mr. Lorenz has received word from IDOT that 87th Street would be shut down while work was done on the railroad crossing.

Mayor Sexton asked the Board's approval of his appointment of Edward Clohessy as Plumbing Inspector for the Village,

and Carl Bergman as a member of the Police Pension Fund. The Board agreed with both appointments.

The following applications for business regulation certificates were approved:

*Hats Plus More, 9500 South Western, Space N-14 (Retail sale of ladies and men's accessories)

*Boss Formal Wear, 3941 West 95th Street (Tuxedo Rental)

longer available. "The last time the air conditioning went out, we used fans for three days," Ms. Mussil explained.

On October 16 and 29, at 7 PM, a tax accountant and architect will be available in the library's lower level to discuss plans and the impact the referendum will have on property taxes. Library personnel will conduct background tours of storage areas.

Engineer Tom Lang and Public Works Director Larry Boettcher updated the Council on several projects. Installation of lights on Roberts Road was due to begin in August. Hold-ups within the Illinois Department Bureau of Electrical have caused delays. A letter was sent to J. F. Edwards Electric about the delays. They were informed that if work has not begun by October 14th, they would be charged work days until work is begun.

Foundations for the lights will go in soon. Residents and business owners will be notified, but time lines aren't available.

The status of the Prairie Pond located north of 87th Street has not changed. IDOT Department of Natural Resources sent a letter to the contractor, T.W. Edmier, instructing them to clean up debris left the year before when they finished the detention pond, and seed the pond with prairie grasses.

Last year curbs, gutters and storm sewers were replaced in the special service area between 87th Street and 83rd Street, 82nd Court and 84th Court. When the work was completed, the parkways were sodded. Since inspection last spring, a thirty-foot stretch at 85th Street and 85th

Court has died. Neighbors asked what could be done. The Council agreed to have the contractor replace the sod before he ends his work in that area. It will cost \$5 per square yard, or about \$150 more on the current contract.

Police Chief Al Vodicka reported that he had attended the 109th Annual International Police Chiefs Conference in Minneapolis. "There were 10,000 chief from all over the world," Chief Vodicka reported. "We attended workshops on legal issues, technology and identity theft. Identity theft is a major problem." He put together a brochure that will be available to residents. Attorney General John Ashcroft addressed the Conference on the subject of homeland security.

Mayor Jack Faddis reported that he had spoken to North Roberts Park Fire Protection Chief Doherty concerning a school shooting scenario enacted at Conrady Junior High. "He said," Faddis reported, "That the Hickory Hills police and Public Works departments are a joy to work with." Chief Doherty said that he found the critique at the end of the scenario particularly beneficial.

Alderman McCue commented about Jewel Foods, and how they have employed cameras to pan their parking lots. Crimes happen in parking lots often, and people inside are not aware of it until emergency vehicles arrive. McCue feels that it would be wise to encourage other businesses to follow Jewel's example.

Halloween hours were set just as last year, at 3 PM to 7 PM.

Karson's restaurant grand reopening



Evergreen Park Mayor Jim Sexton appeared at Karson's Restaurant and Pancake (owned by Harry Les and Nick Boutinas) for the grand reopening. From Left Mayor Jim Sexton, Harry Les, Georgene Boutinas, Nick Boutinas, Dina Les, Pete Les,

Status of Hickory Hills public works projects

By Jude Coyle

Janet Mussel, 22-year resident of Hickory Hills and Librarian at Sandburg High School addressed the Hickory Hills City Council on October 10th. Ms. Mussel complimented the residents of Hickory Hills

for their continued support of the Green Hills Public Library. Although past referendums have not been successful, the residents of Hickory Hills have supported them.

The current referendum

asks for less money than previously. A small addition is needed. Ms. Mussel pointed out that as new technology is purchased, floor space is used up. "Computers take up more space than books,"

she explained. She said that the storage space is dwindling. The air conditioning and heating plant were installed when the library was opened in 1972. Both systems are outdated, and parts are no

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Leaf bag sale begins

The Village of Oak Lawn Leaf Bag Sale began on Monday, October 7th. The large orange bags may be purchased at the Village Hall

Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM until November 27th. The cost of a roll of 20 bags is \$5.00. Yard waste in the orange bags will be picked up by Waste Management beginning Monday, October 21st and will continue until November 30th.

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Health System gives termination notice

Adventist Health System Midwest Region has submitted notice of termination to Private Healthcare Systems Inc. Oct.22.

"After extended negotiations with PHCS we have been unable to renew our contracts," announced Todd Anderson, Regional Director, Managed Care. "WE continue to work toward a fair and reasonable contract before the effective date of termination."

Adventist Health System Midwest Region has contractual relationships with all major national and regional PPO networks, including HFN, First Health Group and CCN, Health Marketing, Beech Street, Preferred Pan, One Health Plan, ppoNEXT

and BCE Emergis to name a few. Members of the Adventist Health System Midwest Region include Hinsdale Hospital, LaGrange Memorial Hospital, Glen Oaks Hospital, and Bolingbrook Medical Center, as well as Health Care at Home Hinsdale Surgical Center, and St. Thomas Hospital.

Incognito, Fox Lake's Best Kept Secret

Fox Lake, the home of Incognito restaurant is located in the middle of the "Chain O' Lakes" area in northeast Illinois. It is a popular resort and recreation

village about 60 miles northwest of Chicago. The area has traditionally been one of Chicagoland's most popular destinations for vacationing and all kinds of outdoor sports such as fishing, hunting and boating.

The culinary niche is served extremely well by Incognito, a new restaurant in a revitalized downtown Fox Lake. Incognito is the brainchild of atmosphere. Combining an eclectic blend of the old and the new—Old World charm combined food in the Chain O' Lakes region. Incognito is enjoyably home-spun yet perfectly in touch with this more urbane and food-knowledgeable population. Incognito's lunch menu features a full array of sandwiches and entrees. Starters include the Baked Brie in a pastry shell (\$6.95) or their Grilled Portobello Mushroom with toast points and blue cheese for \$6.95.

Lunch entree selections include Le Blanc du Poulet, medallions of chicken sautéed in white wine with artichoke hearts and button mushrooms for \$10.95 or

maybe a special treat, try a traditional favorite, Scampi en Provencale: succulent Gulf Shrimp sautéed in olive oil with pearl onions, mushrooms, tomatoes, basil and garlic for \$14.95. Dinner Munue offers include: Grilled Breast of Duckling, grilled medium then thinly sliced, served with saffron rice and a fragrant raspberry sauce for \$21.95. If you're in the mood for pasta try Tegamacci di Vedure with sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, roast peppers and pine nuts tossed in virgin olive oil interlaced with garlic and minced shallots, served on a mound of cappellini for \$13.95.

Incognito is located at 1 Nippersink Boulevard in Fox Lake, at the corner of Grand and Nippersink. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday. Hours: Lunch, Tues-Fri: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat: noon to 4 p.m. Dinner, Tues-Thurs: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri-Sat: 5p.m. to 10 p.m. Brunch: Sat.: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Sun.: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, call Incognito at (847) 587-0360.

Letter to the editor

I hope that voters and taxpayers will consider supporting the Green Hills Library Improvement Referendum. In the past five years, the library has had a 55 percent increase in items checked out. Sixty-three percent of those items were checked out to adults and thirty-seven percent to children and teens. Attendance last year at the library was 158,998. People have asked whether, in this computer age, people really use libraries. I believe that the statistics speak for themselves.

Anytime money is needed, we ask if the additional tax is warranted and beneficial. In this instance, I believe that it is both warranted the beneficial. It is warranted because the library is too small and outdated. Also, if the referendum passes, for example, taxpayers whose real property taxes are \$3,000 a year would pay an additional \$33.00 dollars a year in taxes, divided into a monthly amount that would be \$2.75 a month. It has been my experience that when a community provides good services, like a modern library, property values are enhanced. I believe that an improved Green Hills Library will favorably increase property values in this area. Therefore, the tax increase will be beneficial to property owners.

Thank You,
Meg Lustig, Alderman,
City of Hickory Hills

Southland Chamber's to host Business Image Luncheon

Business, Business casual or just jeans?

Discover the answer at the Business Image Luncheon at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Expo on Thursday, October 24, 2002, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, located at 183rd Street and Harlem Avenue, just north of I-80.

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Curran will also have examples of business dress "don'ts" and be on hand to take questions. Curran is an exciting, entertaining upbeat speaker who will give the audience countless tips to use

everyday when pulling together a professional look.

The luncheon includes boneless breast of chicken stuffed with spinach and ricotta and is \$20.

The Expo includes other business seminars and technology workshops, and over 100 exhibits filled with a wide range of small and large businesses. Seminars are \$5 each session.

Please call the Chamber office at 708-957-6950 to order tickets or visit the Chamber's website at chicagosouthland.com for more information.

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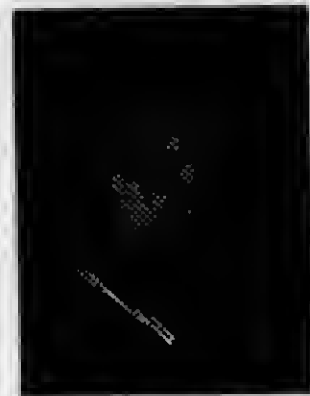
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Group to discuss parenting

Parents of young or adult children having mental or emotional problems are invited to a round circle discussion on parenting issues. Some of the questions we will discuss are: How do we cope with the day-to-day behavioral issues? How can we try to maintain a positive attitude and environment? The meeting takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 South 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn. It is being hosted by NAMI Southwest. (NAMI stands for National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.) This is a free event. For more information, call Mike at (708) 425-0925.

Serving the public motivates Judge Donnersberger



Public service has always been an important part of Cook County Circuit Court Judge David Riley Donnersberger's life even before he was elected to the bench.

"Community service and helping people is important to me; it always has been a major factor in my life. And I think public service is an essential characteristic of all the judges I know and have known. Service to the public comes first," Donnersberger said. He added that many judges have chosen to leave successful private practices to serve on the bench.

But Donnersberger did not turn to the law as his first career choice. He was in seminary when he decided to pursue teaching. He graduated from St. Bonaventure University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The native of the Beverly area started teaching in the Chicago Public School system, which included an assignment at Morgan Park High School. He later went onto get a master's degree and became an assistant professor in the Chicago City Colleges.

While teaching in the city

colleges, Donnersberger decided to become a lawyer and attended DePaul University College of Law, where he received his jurist doctorate.

"People always think I went to law classes at night. Actually I went to law school during the day and taught college classes at night," he said with a chuckle.

After being accepted to the Illinois State Bar, Donnersberger joined a Chicago law firm. He was with that firm for three years before he joined the Cook County State's Attorney Office. Donnersberger served in the State's Attorney's office for 11 years.

"Working in the courts as assistant state's attorney, I became very familiar with trial law and the role and function of the judge. I saw many qualified people serving on the bench. I felt I had the qualifications and thought that I should make the commitment to continue in public service," Donnersberger said.

Donnersberger was asked to make that commitment in 1989 when he was appointed an associate judge. In 1991, he was assigned to the 1st

Municipal District, hearing civil jury motions. He also handled preliminary calls in the Criminal Court. He was elected a full Circuit Court judge in November 1996. In 1997, he was transferred to the Law division where he presided over a contested motion calendar for six years. In July of 2002, he was assigned to a commercial litigation call where he is responsible for cases from their initial filing through their final disposition whether by motion, pretrial, bench or jury trial.

Donnersberger has a clear notion of the role of the judge in the courtroom.

"Of course, the first responsibility of a judge is to administer justice. However, he does that by applying the law to the evidence presented by each side. The judge can't be an advocate, but the judge sees to it that each advocate is allowed to present his or her case. I consider it imperative that the public sees judges as impartial and fair," Donnersberger said.

While on the bench, Donnersberger has lectured at judicial conferences on civil motions, courtroom

management, grandparent's rights, tort law defenses. The judge has also lectured at the University of Illinois and the Chicago Police Academy.

Donnersberger is one of 63 nonpartisan judges on the retention green ballot in the November 5th election. Under the state Constitution, each judge must receive a 60 percent "yes" vote of those cast to remain on the bench.

OL Garden Club meets

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its' October meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 4625 W. 110th Street at 9:15 AM.

The program will be "Planting and Forcing of Spring Flowering Bulbs", presented by Steve Carr.

Hostesses will be Joan Mozerka, Adehl Good, and Irene Herich.

Residents from surrounding communities are welcome to attend as guests. For further information call 708/424-4846.

EP Annual Coat in full swing

The annual "Coat Drive for the Needy", sponsored by the Evergreen Park Youth Commission, begins October 1 and runs through November 30. Director, Jim Feltz, requests any unused winter coats that are clean and in good condition can be dropped off at the Evergreen Park Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street (Room 105) Mondays thru Fridays from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Your donations will be used to help the needy throughout the area.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

United Methodists Women Club to hold luncheon and bazaar

The United Methodist Women of the United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 West 112th, Worth, IL., will sponsor their semiannual Luncheon and Bazaar on Monday, November 18th. Doors open at 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be a White Elephant sale, as well as crafts and pastry sales. Donation is \$5.00.

Saint Xavier University recognizes outstanding alumni

Chicago (October 2, 2002) - Saint Xavier University's Alumni Association honored notable alumni during this year's Homecoming celebration last weekend, awarding the University's Faith in the Future Award, the Sister Dorothy Marie Peschon Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Dr. Kevin Burns (B.A. in History, 1973) received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes outstanding personal and professional achievement that reflects the ideals of Saint Xavier University. Dr. Burns is Superintendent of School District 218 in Oak Lawn, Ill. Throughout his career as an education, he served in various administrative positions within the Oak Lawn school district, including principal of Eisenhower

School and associate principal at Richards High School. He is also a member of Saint Xavier's President's Advisory Council. In 1997, Burns received the McGuire Award as the School of Education Alumnus of the year. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from Loyola University. He resides in Orland Park, IL.

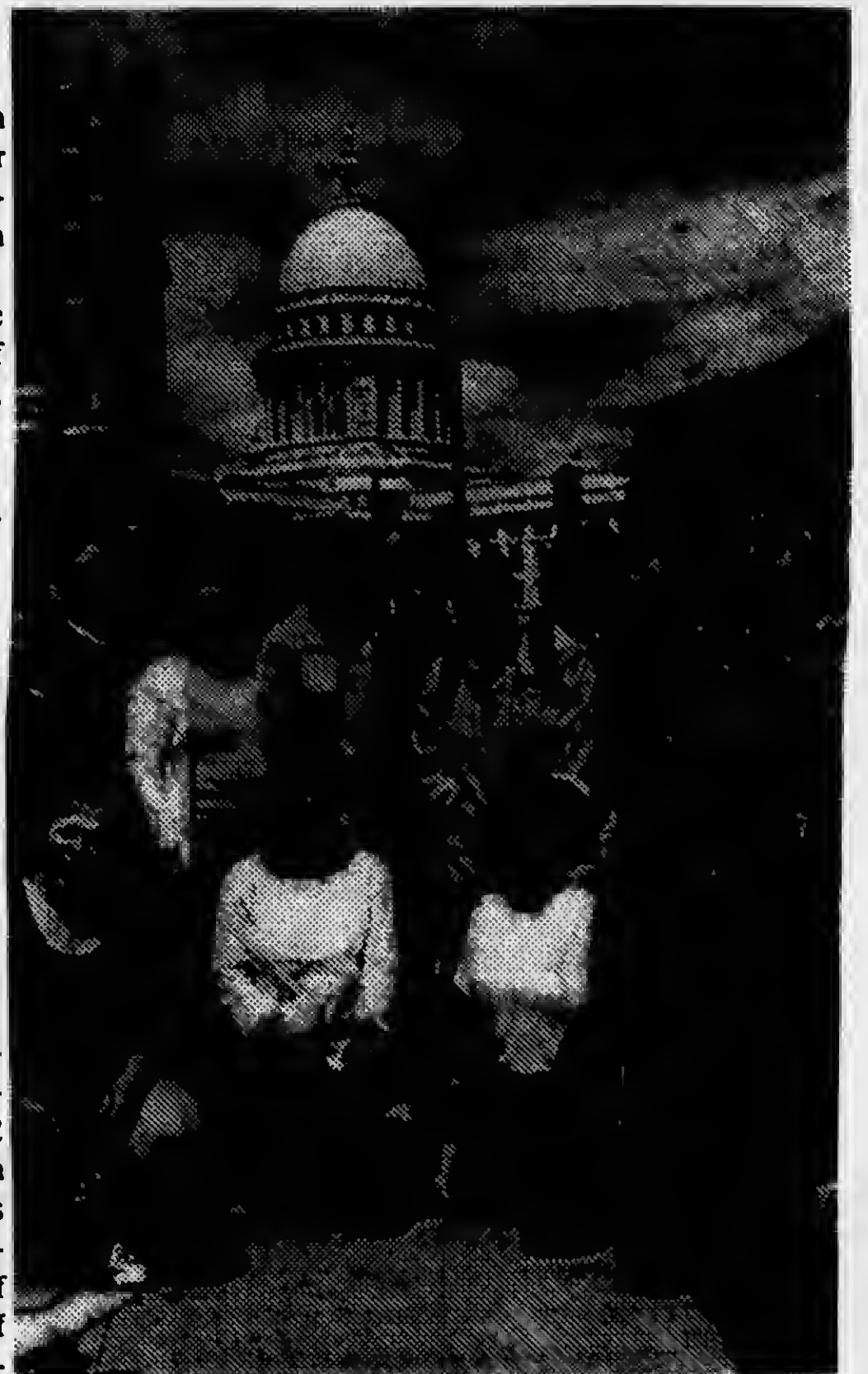
Margaret Gallagher (B.S. in French, 1965) was recipient of the Sister Dorothy Marie Peschon Award, which honors service to the University. She is a former Saint Xavier trustee, who serviced as a committee member for the President's Scholarship Ball, and is also an active member of the Saint Xavier Guild. Today, Gallagher owns her own business, selling artwork and furniture. She lives in Chicago's Lin-

coln Park neighborhood.

Marla C. Mutis (B.A. in Psychology, 1983 and MA in Business Information Systems, 1994) received the Faith in the Future Award, which is bestowed upon promising graduates from the last ten (or fewer) years. Currently, she is pursuing a doctorate at Roosevelt University, studying the role of the department chair in higher education. She also has a master's degree in Organizational Management from Dominican University. Mutis is active in the American Federation of Teachers Union has also been a volunteer with the NASA-sponsored Chicago Prep Program. She lives in Chicago.

Saint Xavier University is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 5,000 men and women with

high quality academic programs. It offers 36 undergraduate majors and 32 graduate program options in four schools: School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, Graham School of Management and School of Nursing. Located in a residential neighborhood in Chicago, the University offers personalized education that emphasizes challenging undergraduate, graduate and professional programs of study. Earlier this year, Crain's Chicago Business recognized Saint Xavier University for achieving the highest percentage of enrollment growth among Chicago-area universities and colleges, increasing 6.3 percent. And, U.S. News and World Report recognized Saint Xavier in its 2002 "Best Colleges" issue as a best value and for its diversity as a master's degree-granting institution.



Peace faculty attend education conference in Madison

Administrators and faculty members from Queen of Peace High School attended Edgewood College's 12th Annual Education Conference in August. The conference entitled, "Effective Schools: The Role of Classroom Management Styles and School Culture," featured renowned educators Alfie Kohn and Terry Deal.

Attending the conference were (front row from left) Rosemary Cunningham, music, Patricia Nolan-Fitzgerald, principal Kristine Owens, social studies, and Nancy Halbauer, health and sports; (back row) Linda Baltikas, curriculum coordinator, Michele Stefl, English and interdisciplinary studies, Therese Lahart, math, Joan Paprocki, curriculum coordinator, Sandy Safranek, art, Deb Graham, athletic director, Elizabeth Haskins, administrator for curriculum and instruction, and Susan Connelly, administrator for student life.

Making contact: dying while living

By Joseph Ruzich

Most of us have wondered about death. Jacki Mari, who makes contact with the deceased, claims to have firsthand experience with dying. She explains that at the time of death the first thing one sees is a "long dark tunnel" and a coming of a "white bright light." Having had several NDE (near death experiences) of her own, Mari assures people that the other worlds spoken of in the Bible are within our own world, as in "worlds within worlds."

Mari believes the soul is located just above the belly button. "When you're dying, your soul goes up the stomach—which then looks like a black tunnel. In the distance it sees the light which is above the head. At last you emerge into this light," said Mari.

While also being psychic and a certified Medical Hypnotherapist, Mari often holds sessions where she communicates with the dead family members and friends in the audience. On Oct. 2 at the Baymont Inn in Alsip, Mari answered questions from about a group of 16

people. Located in a small reading room with a white and soft pink flower pattern on the wall, a variety of questions were asked from "how is my father or mother doing to 'is he or she waiting for me.'" To answer the questions, Mari needed the names of the individual and their date of death. She's then able to communicate with the individuals living in other worlds around us. "I'm able to communicate with them about 90 percent of the time," she says. "But sometimes I can't make a connection." For example, Mari says she was unable to communicate with one audience member's dead father because he was reborn into a baby. "It's impossible to talk to a baby," says Mari.

On the other hand, Mari was successful communicating with a majority of audience members that night. Some of the messages the deceased had to say included everything from "how happy they are now in their new world," to "telling the family members the importance of trusting God." When Mari was communicating with one

person's family member, she said the deceased man was in the room touching the woman's face. Tears began to fill her eyes as Mari translated his actions.

Later that evening, Mari shocked the group after pinpointing an accidental death. Four women, who knew the deceased, suddenly screamed into a cry after hearing her accuracy. "You're exactly right," said one of the woman in tears. Mari, who says communicating with the dead is like making a long distance call, expresses that some signals she receives from the deceased are stronger than others. "In that case, it was strong," she says. "I usually have one person every session where that happens."

Mari first had psychic experiences when she was four or five years old. She remembers telling her mother about different color people. "Some were red, brown, green and so on. My mother thought I was nuts. But I was looking at their body lights or aura."

Mari, who calls herself a Christian first, believes that Jesus was a seer as well. "I

don't feel that what I'm doing isn't Christian," she stated. "Jesus talks about worlds within worlds throughout the bible. And I experience that truth daily." She went on to say that God isn't a human but an energy. When she had her near death experience, God told her to come back to this world to teach. "I was sent back to help people. To teach them what I know. I was told to help people so they won't be afraid to die. I want people to stop worrying, stop living in fear and to bring closure to their life."



Mari's next "Making Contact" session is October, 30 and November 13, at the Baymont Inn in Alsip (128th and Cicero). Cost is \$35 for each person. Mari also offers other Psychic and Hypnosis services including "Making Contact," by phone. For more information or if you would like to make reservation, call (708) 597-5866.

View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street. Limited tickets are available for most shows. An additional show may be added on November 17 if the demand is great. Ticket prices are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$14 for children. To reserve tickets, call (708) 857-2200. Box-office hours are: Mondays 8:30 AM - 9 PM; Tuesdays through Fridays 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; and Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM.

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Paul Nirchi, Orland Park, Exe. Producer/Producer/Director

Dave Heilmann, Oak Lawn, Executive Producer
Brad Kisner, Chicago, Assistant Director

Liz Griffin, Palos Heights, Music Director

Mary Rowsy, Oak Lawn, Music Director

Tom Fagan, Crestwood, Choreographer

Bill Hansen, Chicago, Conductor

Gil Oliva, Burbank, Set Designer

Main Characters:
Jan Augustine, Darien, Annie (Six)

Julie Benos, Hickory Hills, Alice/Go to Hell Kitty
Leigh Bradley, Chicago, Mary Sunshine

Cassie Dawe, Oak Lawn, Roxi Hart

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Tom Fagan, Crestwood, Harry/Dancer

Erica Heilmann, Oak Lawn, Velma Kelly

Matt Gallagher, Alsip, Sgt. Fogarty

Julie Gurrister, Tinley Park, June (Squish)

Dave Heilmann, Oak Lawn, Bill Flinn
Stan Kastelic, Chicago, Fred Caisley
Gene Kolenda, Chicago, Judge/Tailor
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Gil Oliva, Burbank Aaron Dawn Schnolis, Chicago, Mona (Lipschitz)

Marta Sipowska, Elmwood Park, Hunyak (Uh Uh)

Joe Spencer, Hickory Hills, Amos Hart

Billy Vitucci, Mokena, Martin Harrison/Dancer

Gina Vitucci, Mokena, Liz (Pop)

Male Ensemble/Dancers
Raymond Cleveland, Dolton

Michael Dragas, Hickory

Brian Fazzio, New Lenox

Christopher Former, Chicago

Orlando Gonzalez, Chicago

Nick O'Connor, Chicago

David Walters, Burbank

Keith Waltrip, Chicago

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Cheri Brodsky, Oak Lawn

Laura DeLara, Brookfield

Karen Ejzak, Wheaton

Pamela Frazzini, Orland Park

Erin Kennealy, Joliet

Liz Mardosz, New Lenox

Renee Margaron, Oak Lawn

Marjorie McCaw, Alsip

Laura Milnes, Chicago

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Pit Chorus
Freda Humble, Oak Lawn

Kathy Miller, Tinley Park

Oak Lawn Park District Theatre presents *Chicago*

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's fall production of *Chicago*. Based on a 1926 play by Maurine Dallas Watkins, this musical tells the story of Roxie Hart, a chorus girl who murders her unfaithful husband, then manages to avoid prison with the help of a lawyer and uses the trial to propel herself to fame along with another murderous chorus girl, Velma Kelly.

In the Oak Lawn production, Cassie Dawe of Oak Lawn will portray Roxie, and Dave Heilmann of Oak Lawn will play her lawyer, Bill Flinn. Oak Lawn's Erica Heilmann will portray Velma.

"This is probably the best overall cast that the Oak

Lawn Park District has ever assembled for a musical production," says Producer Paul Nirchi of Orland Park. "The dancers and actors have been performing superbly."

Nirchi will also act as the show's director. Brad Kisner of Chicago will be the assistant director. Musical direction will be shared by Liz Griffin of Palos Heights and Marty Rowsy of Oak Lawn. The choreographer is Tom Fagan of Crestwood, the conductor is Bill Hansen of Chicago and the set designer is Gil Oliva of Burbank. Nirchi and Dave Heilmann are co-executive producers.

Performance are scheduled for Nov. 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at 8 PM., and November 10 and 17 at 3 PM at the Oak



Chorus girls from the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of *Chicago* include (L to R) Jan Augustine (Annie), Julie Benos (Alice), Gina Vitucci (Liz), Josie Nirchi (Mama Morton), Erica Heilmann (Velma Kelly), Marta Sipowska (hunyak), Julie Gurrister (June) and Dawn Schnolis (Mona).

National Association of Retired Federal Employees Meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1106, will hold their next meeting on Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. in the Oak Lawn municipal building located at 9446 Raymond Ave. (5300 West).

This non-profit organization consists of retired federal employees, their spouses, survivors and current active employees who live in Southwest Chicago and the Southwest suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service with the many questions retirement and pre-retirement brings. If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call (708) 485-4990.



Judge Douglas to address Lions

The Honorable Judge Loretta C. Douglas, with the Circuit Court of Cook County will speak before the Beverly Ridge Lions Club Thursday, Oct. 17 following a 12 p.m. lunch at the Beverly Woods Restaurant, 11532 S. Western Ave.

Bob Olszewski, coordinator, announced the judge will share her expertise on the judicial system. Judge Douglas was elected in 1990 and retained in 1996. Prior to her election she served as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court for six years. Presently she is assigned to the Law Division in Municipal, District 5. The judge is a candidate for retention judge in the upcoming election.

Aviation Integrity Project News

After extensive research involving thousands of campaign finance records and Chicago Department of Aviation contracts, the Aviation Integrity Project found that although both Illinois gubernatorial candidates accepted large amounts of campaign contributions from companies holding contracts at O'Hare Airport, Democrat Rod Blagojevich took in nearly eight times as much as Republican Jim Ryan did from O'Hare contractors.

Democratic candidate Rod Blagojevich received \$802,401 from companies holding more than \$237 million in contracts at O'Hare International Airport. The amount represents nearly 8 percent of Blagojevich's receipts over the last year. His largest contributor is an O'Hare contractor who also is his finance chairman, Christopher Kelley. Kelley is an executive of Castle Construction, which has received \$24 million in O'Hare contracts and of BCI Commercial Roofing, which received \$107,599.

Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan received \$100,864 from companies holding more than \$144,603, 626 million in contracts. The

amount represents just over one percent of Ryan's receipts over the last year. "Clearly, they're backing him (Blagojevich) because what the city wants more than anything is for the construction to continue," said Terry Brunner, executive director of the Aviation Integrity Project. "If Blagojevich wins, he'll be owned by the O'Hare contractor crowd. These O'Hare contracts are handed out by the administration of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, who also is Blagojevich's campaign chairman. Here's a clear example of how Daley is using his O'Hare clout to get his candidate elected

"They're smacking their lips now over the huge contracts they already hold. But they can't wait for billions more if O'Hare expansion goes through under Blagojevich. They truly smell the meat-a-cookin'." The campaign finance data examined comprises individual and in-kind contributions from the period of July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

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Congress passes cut to Illinois highway Budget

On October 10, House Republicans passed legislation that cements last week's Appropriations Committee cut of \$124,493,000 from Illinois's highway repair and construction budget. Specifically, the House GOP leadership attached the cut to the Continuing Resolution - an unrelated bill that ensures that the entire federal government does not shut down because of the ongoing budget battle in Congress. Democrats attempted to strip the highway cut out of the continuing resolution, but were

voted down on a straight party-line vote (Roll Call Vote 459, 10/10/2002). The final vote was 225-193 against the Democratic effort to remove the cut. Last year, Illinois received \$888,333,000 in federal highway funding, but the House Republican and Bush budget provides on \$763,840,000. Democrats attempted to overturn this cut, but were voted down by just two votes. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) estimates that this cut to Illinois's highway budget will mean a net loss of 4861 jobs in Illinois. This cut could mean that road repairs and upgrades already underway in Illinois could be terminated, or take much more time than originally planned to complete.

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Background from the Suburban O'Hare Commission

In the least debated, but possibly most important issue of the Illinois gubernatorial campaign, Democratic nominee Rod Blagojevich has taken a position that robs minorities of their share of economic development, wipes out DuPage County's largest and most successful community of affordable housing, and not the least, offers no solution for the region's aviation delays and inadequate capacity.

Blagojevich says he supports the Daley-Ryan O'Hare expansion, but differs on one important point: He would not start work on the South Suburban Airport until after the O'Hare expansion is completed. Some questions:

1) How long would that be? O'Hare expansion would not begin in earnest in almost a half dozen years, and take as much as two decades to complete. Has he thought about how badly the region's aviation capacity would suffer and how much delays would increase at O'Hare during those two decades of

construction? Has he considered that the decades-long mess at O'Hare would cause Chicago to lose conventions, trade show and tourism - striking at the very heart of our economy?

2) Does Blagojevich have answers to critical questions about O'Hare expansion, such as the increased air pollution, increased noise and the increased safety risks created on the ground in the skies over O'Hare?

3) How does he respond to the pleas that the depressed southern suburbs and Chicago's South Side sorely need the economic engine that would be provided by the SSA? Is he telling the unemployed and minorities in those communities that they must wait another 20 years? If he supports O'Hare expansion because of the "hundreds of thousands" of jobs it would create, why must the area that needs those jobs even more be denied first priority?

4) How does Blagojevich justify destroying DuPage County's largest and most thriving community of affordable housing? How and where in DuPage County (as the law requires) does Blagojevich propose relocating these mostly minority families who no have access to the job-rich northwest suburbs.

Blagojevich appears to be running against his own

party's positions on jobs, economic justice, affordable housing, the environment and increasing housing diversity. Is he willing to discard such principles for the sake of Chicago keeping control of the region's aviation jobs and contracts?

Evergreen Park Fire Department Earns Safety Achievement Award

The Evergreen Park Fire Department has been presented with a life safety achievement award for the year 2001 by the residential fire safety institute. For nine years, the life safety achievement award has recognized local fire prevention activities that contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Evergreen Park Fire Department qualified for this award in the year 2001 because it recorded zero deaths in structures.

The life safety achievement award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention efforts and encourages them to continually improve those efforts. For information on programs offered by the Evergreen Park Fire Department contact the Public education division at (708) 422-2148.

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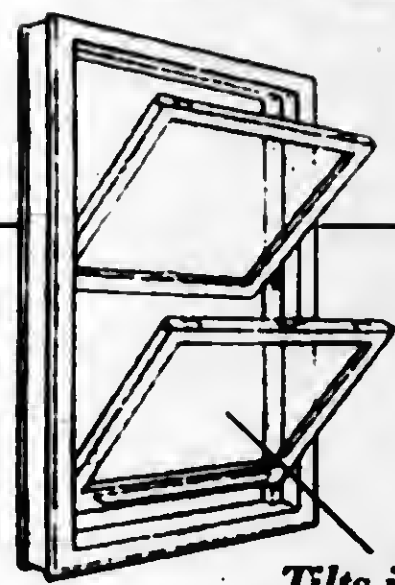
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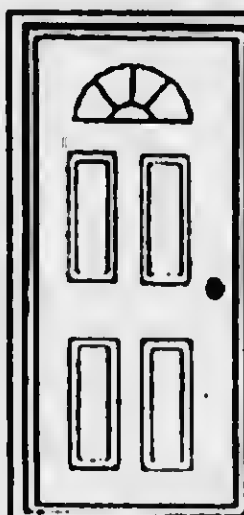
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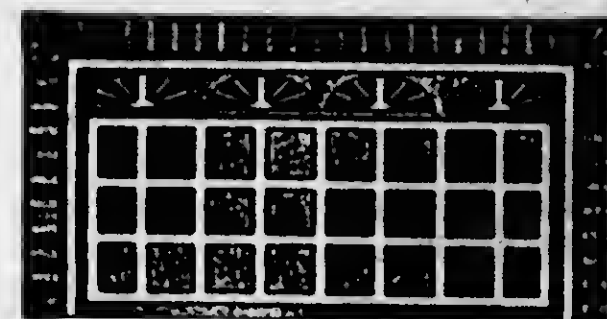


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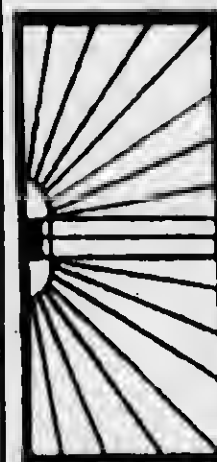
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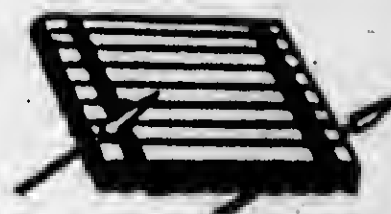
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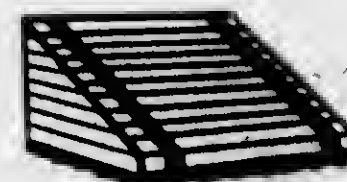
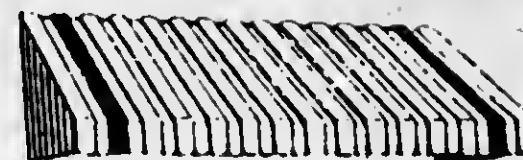
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An appraisal is not a home inspection

In August 1999, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced its Homebuyer Protection Plan, created to help ensure that homebuyers who purchase homes with Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgages receive more accurate and thorough home appraisals. The premise was that these FHA appraisals would help uncover any defects in the homes so buyers would be alerted before closing the deal, saving them thousands of dollars in the long run.

"The plan was to have appraisers take any significant repairs needed into account on the appraisal and to encourage the buyer to have a professional home inspection done separately on their behalf," says Rich Hofeld, Oak Lawn area director of HouseMaster, the nation's largest home inspection firm. "Unfortunately, appraisers aren't necessarily trained to find hidden, costly defects, and buyers often believe that the appraisal is the actual inspection."

In many cases, appraisers are not trained or certified to do thorough home inspections of important major sys-

tems or structures in a house, including electrical, plumbing, foundations and roofs, where many costly defects are found. "There are consumers out there who are buying HUD homes, believing that this home has been inspected, when it has actually only been appraised, and they end up with an expensive 'money pit' once hidden problems start to surface," says Hofeld. In fact, the HUD web site explains that FHA appraisals are designed to determine the value of a home, and include only limited review of possible physical problems.

Home inspections are different from appraisals. "Appraisals are for lenders, while home inspections are for buyers," says HouseMaster's Hofeld, whose parent company has been performing residential home inspections in the U.S. and Canada for more than 20 years.

A home inspection is an examination of the visible elements and systems of the house, including the central heating/cooling system, roofing/gutters, built-in kitchen appliances, walls, ceilings, floors, insulation, ventilation, interior plumbing system,

foundation, electrical system, siding and grading. In the event that any problem is missed, the homebuyer is offered some financial protection if the inspector stands behind the quality of their findings with a written inspection guarantee. If the inspector fails to report a significant problem, there may be further financial recourse if the inspector truly did make a mistake and carries current Errors and Omissions Insurance, similar to malpractice insurance.

"The role of a home appraiser is to provide a professional opinion-based on readily observable conditions—of the value of the house, based on the data compiled on sales of similar homes in the area," says Hofeld. "The majority of real estate appraisers have no inspection training or access to technical support. Most of their educational and work experience is business and finance, not opening electrical boxes and climbing up on roofs to look at and pinpoint problems." Relying only on the appraisal puts buyers at an increased risk of buying a home filled with problems.

The world of wood

These days most furniture is created by machines, but the World of Wood company still does it the old fashioned way: with their hands. Located in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, nine craftsman can work with you and create anything from cabinets to the restoration of your old home. Even though they're headquartered in Wisconsin, they work for people across the country. In addition, the initial consultation could take place either on the phone or at your home.

One home owner said that "The craftsmanship flies in the face of those saying that such quality work is unavailable in our mass produced world today. It's out there, you just have to go to Oconomowoc to find it." World of Wood's founding father, Richard Erdmann is truly a master in the art of

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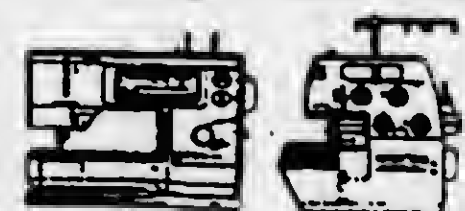
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Ghostly tours open the cloud of supernatural mystery

By Kevin Plenis

Have you ever wondered where some of the most haunted places in Chicago are located? Well, hop aboard the spooky bus and get ready to fill your evening with haunting stories and being able to visit these places where only spirits dwell. "Excursions into the Unknown" is a ghost tour led by Oak Lawn resident Dale Kaczmarek. His tour leaves by coach bus from Chicago Ridge Mall and travels to some of the most supernatural places in our city.

Almost everyone is familiar with the legendary Resurrection Mary ghost. This beautiful young woman with blonde hair wearing a long white dress has been seen since 1939 according to Kaczmarek. In 1934 she was struck by a car while walking to what's now called Willowbrook Ballroom on 7600 Archer Avenue.

She had just finished arguing with her boyfriend when she got out of his car and proceeded to walk prior to being killed. People who have seen her walking from Resurrection Cemetery de-

scribe her as a flesh and blood person and not as an apparition explained Kaczmarek.

In 1939, Bridgeport resident Jerry Palus, who has since passed on, physically encountered Mary at Willowbrook and drove her to the cemetery where she mysteriously vanished through the gate. He danced and talked with her throughout the evening but said she was "cold to touch."

The Water Tower located at Michigan and Chicago Avenue has become notorious for ghost sightings said Kaczmarek. In 1886, Captain George Willington Streeter's ship, the Reutan, was grounded on a sandbar at the Water Tower location. This land became known as Streeterville by this English captain.

As time went on and the city began to industrialize, Streeter was evicted regardless of the "squatter's rights" he claimed to have on that land. He left and cursed the land explained Kaczmarek.

In 1871, two years after the Water Tower was built,

the Great Chicago Fire spread throughout the city killing 300 people and destroying everything.

People have claimed to have seen a man hanging by a noose in the top tower window of the Water Tower said Kaczmarek. Legend has it that this man saw the flames coming from the south and found suicide the only means to escape instead of burning to death from the fire. Kaczmarek explained these particular sightings are usually only seen in the evening hours.

The Hancock building nearby has had many unexplained phenomenon happen such as the annual migration of tens of thousands of spiders that crawl from one side of the building to the other twice a year according to Kaczmarek.

A popular radio station in the Hancock has had experiences of weird things going on and security guards have felt cold spots and chased figures down the halls but on the surveillance video they are chasing no one explained Kaczmarek.

One popular stop on the



southside is the Irish Castle which is now the home of the Beverly Unitarian Church on Longwood Drive. This castle was originally owned by a real estate tycoon by the name of Robert Givens said Kaczmarek.

Strange lights have been seen from the windows in the tower and accounts of seeing a 12-year-old girl. The current pastor living there claims that he hears sounds of a party and corks popping said Kaczmarek. In 1973, a psychic reported the presence of two spirits dwelling within the castle.

These are just some of the highlights of "Excursions

into the Unknown." Did you know that China Town is haunted too? If you want to know more about these ghostly places of interest, Kaczmarek has seats open for the October 24th tour from 6-10 p.m. "Tours I do for a hobby," he said. "I give people a chance to take a look around." Kaczmarek has devoted the past 28 years to ghost research. You can contact him at 708-425-5163 for information on tour dates, times and reservations. The tour runs \$32 per person. You can also find out more information on local haunts and psychic phenomenon on the Internet at ghostresearch.org.

The Georgian State Dance Company

The Chicago Association for the Performing Arts is proud to present the return of The Georgian State Dance Company, at the legendary Chicago Theatre for a one performance only Sunday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. This event is part of the new 2002-2003 Crossroads Series of programs showcasing a variety of dance and musical acts from around the world on the Chicago Theatre Stage.

Under the direction of

Nina Ramishvili, Chief choreographer and matriarch of The Georgian State Dance Company, and now her son Tengiz Sukhishvili (Artistic Director and Choreographer), the 80-member company from the Republic of Georgia has been amazing audiences around the world since 1945. Renowned for its combination of beauty, originality, strength and athleticism.

They will perform 19 traditional folk dances that reflect many different aspects of Georgian life, including ceremonies, rituals, historic events and work. Some of the dance program's highlights include: sabre fights executed with such precision that sparks fly and the performers miss each other by mere inches; a lovers' quar-

Le Ballet National Du Senegal at is coming to the Chicago Theatre

The Chicago Association for the Performing arts is proud to present the Chicago debut of Le Ballet National Du Senegal performing Kuuyamba at the legendary Chicago Theater, 175 N. State Street, in one performance only, Saturday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. ABC TV Reporter & Anchor, Cheryl Burton, and WLS Radio Host Richard Steele will host the evening. This event is part of the new 2002-2003 Crossroads Series showcasing a variety of dance and musical acts from around the world on the Chicago Theatre stage. The Chicago Association for the Performing Arts has operated the Chicago Theatre since 1998.

Exuberant and joyful, Le Ballet National du Senegal is the premiere dance company performing traditional dances of West Africa. Poet and national leader Leopold Senghor founded this exceptional group in 1960, the year of Senegal's independence. This company's work is characterized by high-energy choreography, centered on the culture and traditions of Senegal, and is performed by dancers with unmatched physical gifts and discipline. Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$19 and are now on sale at the Chicago Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. There is a 10 percent discount for children and students with a valid ID. Groups of 10 or more should call (312) 922-2110, ext. 4.

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rel that culminates in a passionate melee. Tickets for The Georgian State Dance Company, priced from \$39 to \$26 are now on sale at the Chicago Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers or visit www.ticketmaster.com To charge by phone, call (312) 902-1500.

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LANSA, Inc. celebrated its new partnership with Moraine Valley Community College by awarding four Moraine Valley e-commerce students \$500 scholarships to continue in the curriculum. First row, from left are William Hearn (Palos Hills), scholarship recipient; Michelle August, Instructor and Management Information Systems Coordinator at the college; and Jennifer Dohm (Oak Lawn) and Diane Yost (Orland Park), scholarship recipients.

Second row, from left are Dr. Mary Kay Kickels, senior vice president of Academic Affairs; John Siniscal, President of LANSA, Inc.; Robert McKeon (Joliet), scholarship recipient; and Lynda Stickelmaier, Partners in Education manager for LANSA, Inc.

Four Moraine Valley students receive LANSA scholarships

Four Moraine Valley students received \$500 scholarships from LANSA, Inc. during a reception September 4 to celebrate a new partnership between Moraine Valley Community College and the Oak Brook-based company.

LANSA President John Siniscal recognized Jennifer Dohm (Oak Lawn), William Hearn (Palos Hills), Robert McKeon (Joliet), and Diane Yost (Orland Park), all e-commerce-based information technology students, as he presented each student with a \$500 scholarship. Siniscal congratulated the four students for their participation and success within the e-commerce curriculum.

The partnership between LANSA, Inc. and Moraine Valley was formed to encourage students to continue study in the field of e-commerce-based information technology.

"We do what we can in the community to encourage information technology studies as well as the commerce it supports," Siniscal said. LANSA, a company with 250 employees, provides leading-edge software to cli-

ents seeking better business performance.

Moraine Valley currently offers an e-commerce development concentration within its Associate in Applied Science degree program as well as an e-commerce generalist certificate.

For information about the e-commerce program at Moraine Valley, Call Michelle August, Instructor and Management Information Systems Coordinator at the college, at (708) 974-5339.

For news media inquiries, contact Josh Reinhart, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

Holiday Craft Bazaar

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church at 8426 W. 95th St. will hold Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 to 4.

There will be food available all day. For more information please call 598-3100.

The Skull Crypt to open soon

The Blue Island Park District's Annual Haunted House, "The Skull Crypt" will be open October 25, 26, 27 and October 30 & 31. The Skull Crypt has a completely new layout and new monsters... It's guaranteed to scare the daylights out of you! The Skull Crypt is open from 6:30 PM to 10 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Non-

profit groups can call to make arrangements for discount tickets. For further information, please call (708) 385-3304. The Blue Island Park District is located at 12804 S. Highland Ave. in Blue Island. The Blue Island Park District's 2002 Skull Crypt is sponsored by Great Lakes Bank and Parco Foods, LLC.

Polish Museum Event

On Friday, Nov. 1, The Polish Museum of America located at 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. will be sponsoring a "Benefit Event" to dedicate the "New Millennium Life Member Donor Plaque" and

to honor the Life Members.

This black tie event will be held in the Great Hall of the Museum. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Staff members will give guests personal tours of the Museum. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and an elegant dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. by Mar Eva's. Members of the Paderewski Symphony Orchestra will provide entertainment.



Brother Rice students plant tree

The Brother Rice student body gathered in the north end zone of the school's football field Sept. 11 2002 for a ground-breaking ceremony. An Australian pine tree was dedicated to the memory of the lives lost during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Eight Brother Rice students—two from each class year—were

chosen to participate in the groundbreaking.

In addition to the tree, a plaque was also dedicated and will be on permanent display. The plaque reads "This Australian Pine is dedicated to those who lost their lives in the 2001 terrorist attack on 9-11 and to those who helped and comforted so many. May God bless them and us, the Brother Rice Family."

Fr. McNicholas celebrates 50th Anniversary

A celebration honoring Fr. Walter McNicholas, O.S.A., St. Rita Class of 1944, on his 50th anniversary of Priesthood will be held Saturday, October 26, 2002 at St. Rita of Cascia Chapel 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago.

News from De La Salle

On Sept. 21, two De La Salle students were among 150 talented high school students from across the Chicagoland area who were honored by the Chicago Urban League for their achievements in academics, community service and leadership at the 7th Annual Youth Celebration Day that was held at the DuSable Museum of African-American History on Chicago's South Side.

Representing De La Salle were junior Thaddeus Williams (Greater Grand Crossing) and sophomore Edward Hamilton III (Chatham). Along with excelling in the classroom, both of these ex-

emplary young men participate in extracurricular activities at the Institute. Williams is a member of the Boxing Club and Spanish Club, while Hamilton III plays on the sophomore football team. All honorees received awards, gifts and special recognition during the 7th Annual Youth Celebration Day ceremony. The event is designed to highlight the positive and exceptional achievements of African-American high school youth. De La Salle wishes to congratulate both Williams and Hamilton III for their high levels of success both in and out of the classroom.

De La Salle Institute is very pleased to announce that the girls junior varsity volleyball team brought home the 2nd place trophy from the Walther Lutheran Tournament held on Sept. 28.

Assistant JV coach, Jessica Andrasko, was optimistic that the JV team would do well at this tournament. As a new team in the GCAC, the Meteors played against Walther Lutheran and won in two games. They won the next match against Notre Dame by forfeit. In the semi-finals, the Meteors played against Mother Guerin losing the first game 2-15, but then

winning the next two games 15-11 and 15-11. "We beat Mother Guerin in the last two games because the girls started to play as a team," said Andrasko. "They played an aggressive, not a tentative game. They took a proactive stance on the court." This brought the Meteors to the finals against Wheaton Academy, which according to Andrasko is a very strong team. Although the Meteors lost in two games by scores of 15-4 and 15-9, they came away from the Walther Lutheran Tournament with the 2nd Place Trophy. Their record now stands at 9-4-1. Players of the match were freshmen Margaret Grabowski and Janine Gioia of Bridgeport.

As part of its celebration for Hispanic-American Heritage Month in September, De La Salle Institute held a Hispanic Heritage Fact Contest in which students were asked to answer 16 questions regarding the topic of Hispanic heritage.

The questions were derived from a broad section of topics. One of the ways in which students found the necessary answers was by using the Internet.

Finishing in the first place at the Main Campus was freshman Saul Vaca (Little Village), a student in the Spanish I Honors class, who earned a gift certificate top a Mexican restaurant. The second-place winner was freshman Anthony Ledwon (Garfield Ridge), who garnered a pinata filled with candy. Ledwon also is a student in the Spanish I Honors Class. Placing third was freshmen Anthony Pindozzo (Bridgeport), a student in the Spanish I College Prep class, who received a box of candy as his prize.

Fall Smorgasbord

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, will hold their annual Fall Smorgasbord on Oct. 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be an array of home cooked food along with desserts and beverages. Adults \$6.50, children 4-12 years \$3.50, kids 3 and under are free. We will also have homemade pickled beets, corn relish and various jams for sale. Bring the whole family. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information you may call (708) 599-4025.



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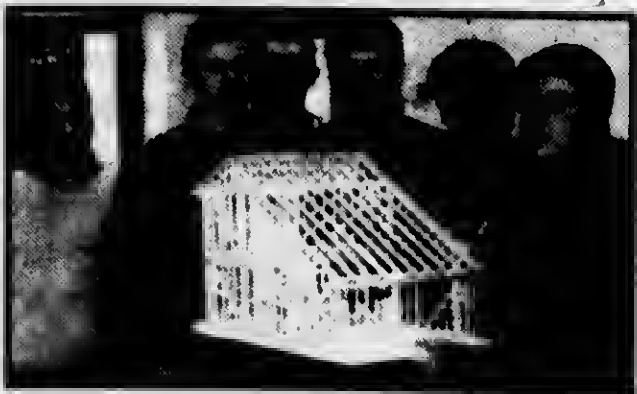
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Conference

All Rights, All people is the theme of the Midwest Regional Conference of Amnesty International USA

(AIUSA) to be held Friday through Sunday, Oct. 18-20 at the Lincoln Park campus of Depaul University, 2250 N. Sheffield in Chicago. The conference will open Friday evening at 7 p.m. with a plenary session Saturday morning will focus on AIUSA's Campaign Against Discrimination and will feature Sr. Dianna Ortiz, an Ursuline nun who is a human rights activist and survivor of torture, and Faisal Alam, founder and director of Al-Fatiha, an international organization dedicated to Muslims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. Alam himself is a queer-identified Muslim of Pakistani descent.

Nearly 30 workshops will be held on the topics ranging from globalization to police brutality, gender identity, and human rights and the environment. Three half-day anti-oppression training - on race, gender/sexual orientation and ageism - will also be held. Skills-building workshops will include sessions on lobbying, crafting a media message and local group strategies for success. Registration ranges from \$10 to \$40. To register or for more information, call AIUSA's Chicago office at (312) 427-2060 or log onto AIUSA's Website at www.aiusa.org.

Brother Rice physics instructor conducts workshop

Brother Rice High School Science Department Chairman and physics instructor Br. Patrick Hayes instructs physics teachers from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., in the PASCAL computer software. Br. Hays, who is a Certified PASCAL Technology Educator, presents several workshops throughout the Midwest during the year. This year's Summer Workshop, held at Brother Rice's Petkus-Crane Physics Center, was for high school and university educators. The workshop concentrated on interface technology for classroom use.

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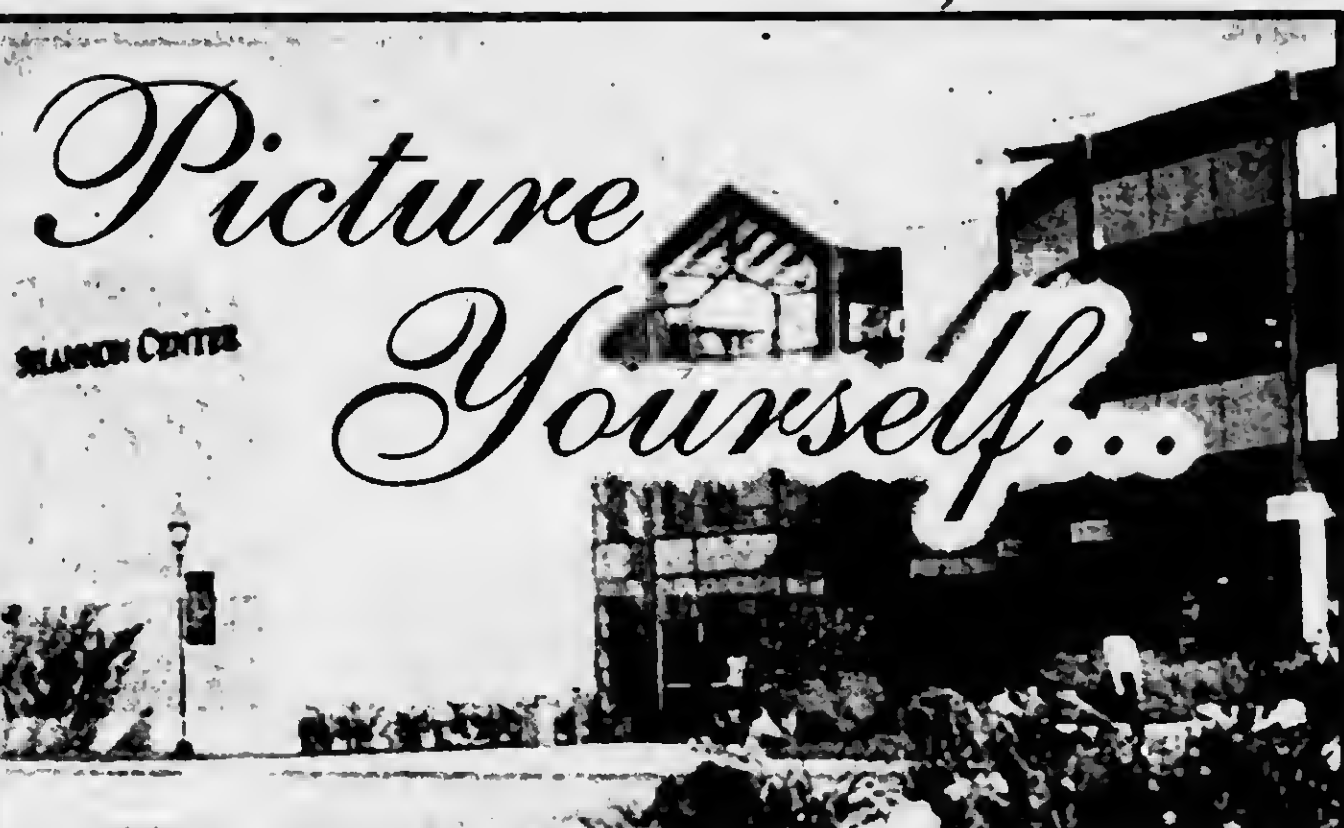


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Spago Oktoberfest draws over 150 along with WGN-TV Celebrities

By Kevin Plenis

A spectacular Oktoberfest celebration was held at Wolfgang Puck's Spago, 520 North Dearborn Street, in downtown Chicago on Oct. 2nd. A delicious three-course Austrian and German menu combined with live German music and drinks made the Spago's 5th annual Oktoberfest a success.

Over 150 patrons' taste buds were satisfied by the gourmet cooking of Executive Chef Francois Kwaku-Dongo and Austrian Guest Chef Martin Wallner. Some

of the appetizers included Wolfgang's mother's famous cheese ravioli with brown butter or smoked river trout with horseradish cream.

Some of the main courses included: bratwurst with red cabbage and potato puree, wienerschnitzel with warm fingerling potato salad and sauteed river trout with dill and lemon butter.

I had the sauteed river trout which was most definitely the most delicious fish I have ever tasted. For dessert there was the choice of warm chocolate cake with

soft whipped cream or apple strudel with vanilla ice cream topped with a light caramel decorative swirl. The strudel was absolutely filling.

Chef Martin Wallner took time between cooking to speak with customers. "I always emphasize a good home cooked meal from Austria and there's not many places in Chicago you can get it," said Wallner. "They really come and look for the atmosphere with the music," Wallner added. Peter Hoffman, of Bierstabe in

Peotone and the trio of musicians had guests singing along and raising their glasses for more beer throughout the evening.



The featured guests of the evening were the infamous WGN-TV celebrity and weather-anchor man Paul Konrad along with fellow

WGN-TV news-anchor man Larry Potash.

These gentlemen added to the Oktoberfest celebration by their mere presence as the "only true kings" of morning television news. "It was a delightful evening," said Konrad. "We love the Germans and the German food and Amanda Puck is beautiful as always," said Konrad. "As beautiful as always," added Potash with a smile.

An eight foot elk horn was brought out for everyone's amusement by the musician.

Amanda Larsen Puck has been the general manager since the Spago opened in 1996.

She said that the Oktoberfest event is very enjoyable.

"I think a lot of people don't really get to try German and Austrian food that much," said Puck. "I think the way we do it is really great, it's not as heavy and we have fun," explained Puck.

I would rate this Oktoberfest celebration at the Spago a perfect ten for the outstanding food, entertainment and also the kind hospitable service of their beautiful server Rena Bertucci who greeted customers with grace and elegance that every fine restaurant should.

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DeJa Brew offers 'down home' refuge

By Anita Anderson

For four years, DeJa Brew at 5219 W. 95 St., in Oak Lawn has offered its patrons, mostly Oak Lawn residents, a nice place to kick back and relax without having to dress up or leave their car with a

valet person. To add to its relaxed atmosphere, the food is very good.

Owners Mike and John assisted by Jennifer, have great burgers, steak sandwiches plus a touch of Mexican food thrown in for good measure and of course, a roomy bar where patrons can enjoy a refreshing drink and meet their friends without having to drive too far to accomplish that purpose. Customers are made to feel comfortable in DeJa Brews friendly atmosphere. Mike said "Our mesquite chicken wraps are popular and a little spicy. Also we have a soup of the day and our cheddar

broccoli soup is on the menu each day." Hours of DeJa Brew Far and Grill are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except the four big holidays of the year.

Tai-Chi

The Oak Lawn Park District has announced that openings remain in its fall session of Tai-Chi, a tranquil martial-arts class that combines proper breathing techniques with circular, graceful movements that re similar to dance.

The class for ages 18 years and older -taught by

Gary Clyman and Dave Fields-will be offered on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, located at 9320 S. Kenton Ave. in Oak Lawn. The fall session will run Oct. 28 through Dec. 16. Fees are \$57 for Oak Lawn residents or \$70 for non-residents.

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Fitness and Taekwondo at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110 St.); and Judo-Jujitsu/Self-Defense and Matsumura Shorin-Ryu Karate at the Menard Center (5800 W. 90th St). To find out which martial art is for you, call the park district at (708) 857-2200

Events to come at Advocate Christ Medical Center

Obstetrician/gynecologist Varsha Upadhyaya, M.D., and psychiatrist Piyush Buch, M.D., will discuss the emotional and physical changes in the years before, during and after menopause in a program entitled "Menopause...A Time of Change." The program will be presented on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at

Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn. Tickets are \$10 each, which includes dessert.

The program is one of a series of lectures specifically for women, sponsored by the Women's Health Education Department at the medical Center. For more information or to register, please call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800)-3-ADVOCATE and refer to Code 1W06.

Christ Wellness and Education Center, 8801 W. 143rd Street in Orland Park is offering a "Vegetarian Cooking Class" on Thursday, Oct 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Led by a registered dietitian, participants will learn the basics of vegetarian cooking and sample delicious and nutritious recipes. The cost is \$25 per person. To register or for more information about the program, contact Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800)-3-ADVOCATE.

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Helping Parents and Children through the grief process

Robert B. Kuenster Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home located at 5570 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn will host a seminar Oct. 22 at 7:00 p.m. to help parents and children through the grief process. Facilitator for this seminar will be Kathy Stathos, licensed marriage and family therapist. She works with adults, adolescents, children and couples assisting them as they work through the grief process. Kathy has been involved with Little Company of Mary Hospital grieving programs for five years. We will continue to offer seminars that bring comfort and information to our families in their time of need and beyond. Please consider joining us, come prepared to ask questions, or just listen. Please let them know and if you will be attending. Call if you need a ride. (708) 425-0500.

Moraine Valley offers computer upgrade and repair courses

Moraine Valley's Workforce Development and Community Services is offering two non-credit classes on computer repair and computer upgrade.

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On an IBM or compatible, learn what you can do to upgrade your computer. MC4-324-270 meets Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10:30 AM to noon, in Room T913. Course fee is \$20.

Worth couple invent razor blade

Developed by Edward and Eileen Arnold of Worth have a Patent Pending a "Extension For A Razor Blade" is a specially designed extension arm, designed for use with razor blades to provide those with limited mobility an efficient means of shaving hard-to-reach areas of the body. The word hip or back surgery makes one shudder, doesn't it? Of course the recovery period from this and other types of operations is sometimes the most frustrating time of all for the individual as well as other family members. The designer of the extension for a razor blade said "I saw the need for this type of product following my wife's hip surgery which affected her mobility". He said he was determined to create a device that would allow her to handle her own personal grooming, such as shaving her legs. "She felt much better when she was able to at least shave her own legs," he added. This device provides those with limited mobility an easy and clean shaven and smooth, that is true whether one is obese and has problems bending over, is recovering from a major surgical procedure, or is suf-

fering from other ailments which prevent ease of movement and this extension is the perfect aid. So females, remember, the perfect helper for saving your legs isn't a spouse, mate or health aid, you can do it alone when you use the extension for a razor blade. For more information about the razor blade, now available to manufacturers for licensing or sale, contact the Licensing Department, Extensions 303 or 316, at 313 Commerce Drive Pawleys Island, SC 29585. To view the product visit www.adventproduct.net/13587/default.htm.

Fall fun with Willowbrook

Willowbrook Ballroom will offer rootin' tootin' country western (C & W) dance night from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Monday Oct. 28 and Tuesday, Oct. 29. Lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and open C&W dancing continues from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Located at 8900 S. Archer in Willow Springs. Admission is \$6 per night and parking is free. For more information, call (708) 839-1000.

If country isn't your 'thing' ballroom dancing from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. will be held on Nov. 3. Sunday afternoon ballroom dancing is open to singles and couples of all ages. The Steve Cooper Orchestra will provide ballroom tunes. Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please. Admission is \$12 and parking is free.

Can't get enough of that Swing? If that's your 'thing' Willowbrook will host a swing dancing night from 7:30-11:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 3. Swing lessons are from 7:30 to 8:30p.m., and open dancing follows from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Willowbrook ballroom has a 6,000-square-foot dance floor and four eight-foot video screens perfect for learning swing. Couples and singles of all ages are invited. Dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. No

Entertainment coupon books available

Entertainment 2003 coupon books are available at the Evergreen Park First United Methodist Church, 94th St. and Homan Ave., for only \$20. This is the leading Chicagoland discount book for dining, leisure activities, shopping, sporting events, car washes and much more, giving 50 percent off or two-for-one bargains.

Books are available for all areas of Chicago with coupons valid until Nov. 1. After one day's shopping the cost of the book may be saved. Consider an entertainment book as a gift for a birthday, anniversary or holiday.

Contact the Church (708) 422-8451 or call Shirley (708) 424-4690. Proceeds from the sale will go to support the mission projects of the church.

Two shows come to Drury Lane

The crowd pleasing musical Annie will fill the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage from

Bridgeview Chamber to hold 2 annual Autumn Business Luncheon

Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce & Industry's 2nd Annual Autumn Business Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at Mama Luigi's Restaurant. Topic is "Consumer Alert - Identity Crisis; What to do if your identity is stolen" will be presented by the Illinois Office of Banks and Real Estate. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, Reservation Required are by October 19th. Call the Chamber office at 708-598-1700

jeans or gym shoes please. Admission is \$10.

Just a reminder, singles dance will not take place on Friday, Nov. 1.

Oct. 16 until Dec. 31 and becomes the fourth show of the 2002-2003 season. Winner of 7 Tony Awards including Best Musical of 1977, Annie has a book by Thomas Meehan with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charmin. Drury Lane Oakbrook's Artistic Director, Ray Frewen will direct. Annie is based on the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie"; the tale of the red-haired moppet cartoon character created by Herold Gray in 1924. Performance Schedule Wednesday at 8p.m.; Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m.; Friday at 8:30p.m.; Saturday at 5:30 and 9p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 and 7 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 (depending on the day of the week); Dinner and theatre packages starting at \$38.75. For reservations, call (608) 530-0111.

From Nov. 20 until Dec. 28, Drury Lane Oakbrook will present the traditional musical version of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The Drury Lane version was adapted for the stage by Artistic Director Ray Frewen, who also directs this holiday treat for the entire family. This is the tenth anniversary of Mr. Frewen's version of A Christmas Carol being presented at Drury Lane Oakbrook.

Being a father of three, Mr. Frewen is sensitive to the

Local artists to exhibit at Business Expo

Visit the Arts Center at the Business and Community Expo October 24 from 10 AM to 6 PM at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 183rd Street and Harlem Avenue.

Local painters, sculptors and alternative media artists will treat visitors to a stunning gallery of visual arts. Buy tickets to a local theatrical or musical performance and discover the benefits of season tickets.

The Expo includes business seminars and technology workshops, a business image luncheon show and over 100 exhibits filled with a wide range of small and large businesses. Seminars are \$5 each session.

Admission to the Expo is FREE with advance tickets.

Call the Chamber at 708-957-6950 to request free admission tickets, or visit www.chicagosouthland.com for more information about this exciting, revitalized

impact of the Christmas ghosts on small children. Therefore he pays special attention to making the story understandable and special to children while keeping the ghosts just scary enough to emphasize the message of the play. Returning to play the role of Ebenezer Scrooge will be Joe Van Slyke. Several cast members from past productions will also reprise their roles including Kevin Barthel, Jeanne Croft, and Steve Dunne.

Individual tickets for children and adults are just \$7 per person and a group rate of \$6.50 per person is available to parties of 20 or more. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. curtain. Several dates also have 12:30 p.m. shows, including Dec. 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21. Reservations may be made by calling the theatre box office at (630) 530-0111, with general admission seating.

Mighty Bulldogs

On Tuesday October 8, the Daley Bulldogs crushed Trinity Christian in a soccer match that ended with a 5-2 score. This is the second game in the Bulldogs' short competitive history, but they are by no means novices at the sport.

Expo, sponsored by Mi-Jack Product, Inc., the Holiday Inn Select & Convention Center Tinley Park, the Chicago Tribune and Laurel Automotive Group of Tinley Park.

The Expo includes other business seminars and technology workshops, and over 100 exhibits filled with a wide range of small and large businesses.

G. Q. to hold concert

Musichorale proudly presents their own G. Q. (Gentlemen's Quintet) on Sunday October 27, 2002 at 3:19 PM at the Chicago Christian High School, 12001 Oak Park Ave., Palos Heights, IL (Rte 83 and Oak Park Ave.).

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Burbank honors Christian Brothers with street naming

The City Council of Burbank honored the Christian Brothers with an honorary naming of the portion of 77th Street that runs from Central Avenue to Linder Avenue in Burbank. The street borders the southern edge of St. Laurence High School which the Christian Brothers sponsor and now will be known as "Christian Brothers Drive." The renaming of the street came as recognition of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Order of Christian Brothers by Edmund Rice in Waterford, Ireland in 1802. Since then, the Brothers have opened schools throughout the world. St. Laurence was opened by the brothers in 1961 and since then has graduated over 12,000 students. A ceremony was held on October 2 to mark the renaming of the street. It was attended by student and faculty representatives of St. Laurence dignitaries and guests. Pictured here are Br. Robert May, Administrative Assistant of St. Laurence; Thomas Ondra, President of St. Laurence; Mrs. Donna Galeher, alumni mother and family relative of Br. John Manning, founding principal of St. Laurence; Mayor Harry Klein of Burbank; Alderman William Flaberty of Burbank; and Br. Michael Segvich, Principal of St. Laurence.



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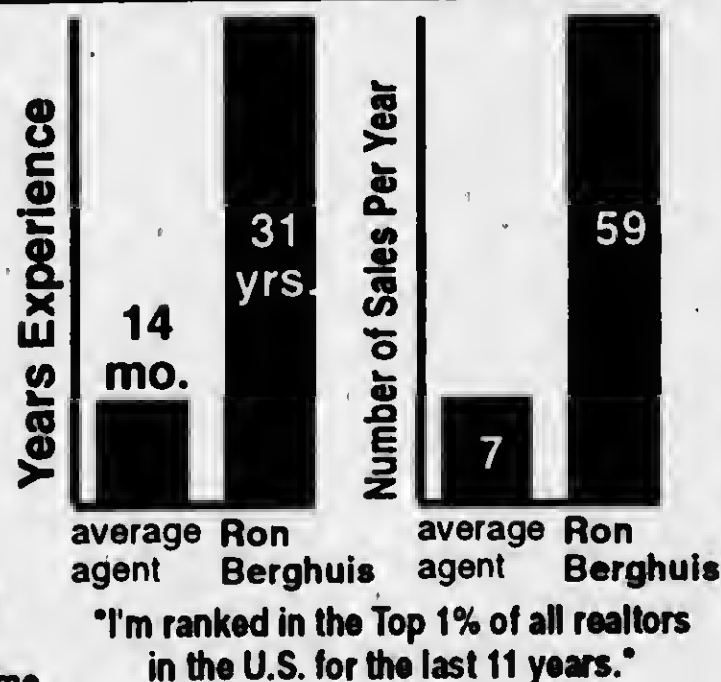
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Absentee Voting Information

Orland Park Village Clerk David P. Maher reminds all Orland Park students away at school, business travelers, vacationers, and of course, all our snow birds, that absentee voting is an option you have if you will be out of Cook County on election day.

Absentee voting is tentatively scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Oct. 15 through Monday, Nov. 4 for Orland Park residents. Absentee voting is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2. The clerk's office is located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Ave.

If you are unable to absentee vote in the office, Clerk Maher asks that as soon as you know the address of where you will be staying, to please call his office at (708) 403-6150 and his staff will mail you an absentee ballot application. Once you receive and complete the application, you must mail it to Cook County and Cook County will mail you the actual ballot to the address you specified on your application. You must then mail the completed ballot back to Cook County. For more information, please call Clerk Maher's office at (708) 403-6150.

Orland Park fall clean-up

The Fall Clean-Up Campaign, sponsored in cooperation with Waste Management of the South Suburbs, will be held Oct. 25, 26, and 27. Dumpsters will be located at the Public Works Facility rather than the Village Parks as in the past. This move was made for many reasons-including preventing debris from blowing around homes near the parks, keeping the parks clean and ensuring the safety of children playing in the parks.

Dumpsters will be placed at the Public Works facility for residents' disposal of normal household garbage. All disposed materials must be placed inside of the dumpster and not along side the dumpster. Construction and other hazardous materials are prohibited.

Public Works is located at 15655 Ravinia Ave. (one block west of LaGrange Road). For more information, call the Public Works Department at 403-6350.

National Salt Institute Honors Orland Park

The Orland Park Department of Public Works has received the 2002 Excellence in Salt Storage Award, sponsored by the National Salt Institute. Not only is this the first year that Public Works has applied for this award, they have also been invited to apply for repeat winner status in the future. According to Richard L. Hanneman President of the Salt Institute, "The Village of Orland Park Salt Storage Facility was judged as one of the finest examples of environmental excellence in salt storage throughout North America for the year 2002. This is truly an impressive achievement. While a number of fa-

Oak Forest residents sound off about parking and breakins

By Jude Coyle

The Oak Forest High School Student Council attended the October 8th meeting of the Oak Forest City Council. According to Clerk Burkhardt, the Student Council will attend two more meetings, and then will hold their own meeting.

Oak Forest City Clerk Scott Burkhardt announced that residents can obtain absentee ballots at City Hall between 10/21 and 11/4.

Ordinance 2660 amended the legal description of the property referred to in Ordinance 2633. Ordinance 2633 annexed the property located at 15319 S. Kenton, which was previously unincorporated.

The home located at that address sustained fire damage. The intention of the annexation was to allow the city to enforce their codes. Asked what the city planned to do with the property, Administrator Ken Royster said only, that the city would "abate the nuisances."

cilities are found to meet the guidelines developed by Salt Institute that represent excellent management, your facility is a top winner this year. Your program, both the excellent physical facility and your policies and commitment to their environmentally conscious operation - are a model for your neighbors in Illinois and throughout the snow belt regions of the world."

Another piece of property was annexed under Ordinance 2661. The Roy Willie family donated the land to the city. It is legally described as Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in block 14 of Wyman's Woods Subdivision and Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Roy's resubdivision of Lots 4 through 10 in Block 13 of Wyman's Wood Subdivision.

Alderman Robert Jones researched the area. Last year homeowners experienced flooding when new construction began in that area. The city authorized the cleaning of a swale located by the railroad tracks at the back of the subdivision. It helped.

At this point the residents haven't experienced any more flooding. Just in case, the city has decided to accept the contribution. "It's unsuitable for building, as it's considered to be flood plain," Alderman Jones explained. "If necessary, we can build a detention pond or run storm sewers there."

The city will pay to have the land appraised. That should cost about \$500.

Halloween trick or treat hours will be from 3 PM to 7 PM on Thursday, October 31st.

Residents were invited to speak. Three residents from Chestnut Lane said that they received notice that one of their neighbor's block was zoned 'residential permit parking only'. They expressed their disappointment.

Aldermen Paul Wechett

explained that kids partying in the Forest Preserves have caused many problems over the years. The kids park on city streets outside the woods, and carry in alcohol. When exiting late at night, the partiers act up.

The forest preserve police have tried to locate the partiers and their supplies, but have been unsuccessful. Oak Forest police have waited for partiers to exit the woods, but were called away to handle calls.

The ordinance was modeled off of a Burbank ordinance, and was designed to put 'teeth' into any previous attempts to regulate parking.

As the ordinance is written, Chestnut Lane, Willow Lane and Spruce Lane, between 151st Street and Forestview will be designated as 'residential permit parking only'. Anyone not belonging in the area will be ticketed and fined. They will face housing court. If an area resident is ticketed wrongly, it will be dealt with.

Residents will be issued stickers to be placed in the left rear window where police officers can see it without leaving their vehicles. Allowances will be made for residents in the area having guests.

Wechett said he understood the inconveniences this has created and was more than willing to meet with residents about refining this law. He also proposed a time limit, making it 'zoned parking only' between the hours of 8 PM and mid-night.

Another resident complained that he had two vehicles broken into in four months. The last incident put him out of business. He lost \$20,000 worth of tools from his business van. "It had bars on the windows," the resident said. "Shame on me for not locking it up."

He asked why he hadn't seen police officers on Ridgeland at night.

Chief John Koch said that this is 'no doubt a problem.' There is an unmarked squad on Ridgeland, the Chief explained.

In the last few months, the police department has apprehended 8 people. There are others out there, what seems to be three groups of offenders. One group steals from open vehicles; one breaks windows and takes stereo equipment; and one group focuses on tools. Thefts happen 24 hours a day, and not just at night.

Aldermen Simon said he has been broken into 6 times and has lost about \$5,000 in tools. Windows were broken in four other vehicles on his block alone. Alderman Jones' car was broken into twice. His window was cut and he also lost tools.

Crime Prevention Commissioner Dennis Mitzner urged people to call police when they see something unusual. Mayor Patrick Gordon explained that Mr. Mitzner has initiated one of the best 'neighborhood watches' in the Western Suburbs before coming to Oak Forest.

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City council paves way for improving fund

By Kevin Plienis

The City Council Meeting on Oct. 1st opened with the Kiwanis Club donating a check to the City of Palos Heights for \$1,300 for the July 3rd and 4th celebration.

"I want to thank the Kiwanis Club for their ongoing support for the activities of July 4th," said Mayor Straz. Unfortunately rain affected the holiday this year but Straz hopes for better weather next year.

With the upcoming tax increase referendum in November, the mayor wants to make himself available to any organizations whether it be the homeowners association,

library group or senior citizens to explain the financial situation of the city through a presentation.

"We're trying to rectify a problem that has not been created over a short period of time but a long period of time," said Straz.

Due to the fact that the general fund for the city is extremely low, Straz wants information sent out to make people aware of the situation.

"It seems to be one way we can put our heads together and a lot of ways we can hopefully solve it," said the mayor.

The motion to accept the maintenance bond for the

Westgate Valley Estates Unit #1 in the amount of \$139,685.12 was passed 5-4.

Certain aldermen wanted to hold this decision because of the continuing street problems reported by residents living in the West Gate Valley Estates.

"Unfortunately there have been issues and I think everyone has tried their best to solve them," said Alderman Gnap. "If there are other residents out there and they think they have street failure, I think that needs to be brought to our attention," explained Gnap.

In other news regarding reinforced safety in the city,

a motion authorizing the city attorney to draft an ordinance for a three-way stop sign for the intersection of Misty Meadows Drive and Edinburgh Drive was passed.

Also, an important motion was passed authorizing the City Naturalist the authority to write citations for violations of fishing or any other local ordinances pertaining to Lake Katherine.

Beverly Theatre Guild presents *To Kill a Mockingbird*

The Beverly Theatre Guild's production of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be the first theatrical production on the main stage of the New Beverly Arts Center of Chicago when it premieres on Saturday, October 26, 2002 at 8:00 PM. Additional performances are scheduled for Sunday, October 27 and Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 PM, and Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2 at 8:00 PM.

To Kill a Mockingbird, directed by Robert Kosson, is the first Beverly Theatre Guild production of its 40th season. General admission tickets are \$15.00 (\$13.00 for senior citizens) can be ordered by phone at 773-445-3838, or by stopping by the New Beverly Arts Center at 2407 W. 111th Street (at Western Ave.) from 9 AM until 9 PM daily. Group rates are available, as are greatly reduced rates for students.

Dubac's play examines male-female behavior

By Kevin Plienis

If you're a fan of "The Man Show" on Comedy Central then you will love "The Male Intellect: an oxymoron? Getting dumped has never been funnier" starring Robert Dubac. This brilliant one-man act performed for a limited engagement at the Shubert Theatre from October 8-13.

The ingenious creativity of Dubac captivates you from the moment the curtain opens. The stage set-up is divided in two. One side shows his feminine side and the other his male side.

Dubac takes the audience on a journey to find the answer to man's ultimate question, "What do women want?" The audience is introduced to "Bobby." He is in a confused state after recently being dumped by the girl he wanted to marry.

Dubac then transforms and introduces the audience to five different characters.

The Colonel, with his unforgettable southern accent, says that there are two kinds of people in the world, men, and everyone else who isn't a man.

We have the French accented, Jean-Michel, who says "communication is the way to woman's heart."

Old Mr. Linger, a 123-year-old bachelor still searches for the perfect woman which is a mermaid in his eyes.

Ronnie Cabrezzi could pass for a role on the Sopranos with his non-stop swearing over his love life with his girlfriend "Lucy."

Finally we have Fast Eddie, who's all about putting pleasure first and by-passing the relationship.

One hilarious moment

was in Dubac's introduction. He held up a very large book which he refers to the women's book of rules. However, when he opens the book there is nothing but blank pages inside.

He compares and contrasts the very distinct differences between men and women in a non-stop hilarious manner throughout the performance.

With a Corona in one hand, Dubac says that men drink, therefore we can forget and what we don't remember we can mumble it in a particular situation.

In between changing characters Dubac's feminine side voice performed by actor Lauren Sinclair (seen in "Face/Off" and "Wing Commander"), enhances the humor as she stops him from acting irrational or not being sensitive enough.

The climax of the play is witty and clever. The audience tries to figure out Dubac's ex-girlfriend's cat's name which begins with an "S." He refers to it as s#@thead several times throughout the show since he can't remember it.

In addition to acting, Dubac is also an author and has been involved in films such as "The Rookie" and "After the Game." His television credits include shows like "Growing Pains" and "Diff'rent Strokes." Dubac is currently working on his next solo play called "Piss and Moan," which hopefully will be able to hold a candle next

If you would like to know more information about Robert Dubac's "The Male Intellect: an oxymoron?", check out their website at www.maleintellect.com.

Chicago Ridge highlights

By Jude Coyle

The Chicago Ridge Village Board met on October 1st.

Among the topics discussed was a request from the Illinois Police Crime-fighters to solicit door to door in the business community in November. When asked who this organization was, Chief Timothy Baldermann said he didn't know. With that in mind, Village Clerk Charles Tokar asked the man who approached the Village to talk to the Board. The man never showed.

Clerk Tokar referred back to the packet the man presented with his request, and a letter within. The letter was dated 1986, and signed by Secretary of State Neil Hartigan. The Board voted to deny the request.

"Anyone can file not for profit paperwork if they want to create a job," commented Mayor Eugene Siegel.

The Board discussed a problem with a septic tank. The property was sold in December, and again in March. The current owner now says she wasn't told that there was a septic tank when she bought the house. It wasn't converted when the Village ordered all homes to connect to the sewer lines, and it hadn't been pumped out in a very long time. The owner wants to seek a legal remedy.

Board members called it a health hazard. It was decided to write the homeowner. The Village can pay to correct the problem, but then would place a lien on the property.

The Board voted to send three Police/Fire Commissioners to the Fall '02 Seminar at the Schaumburg, Marriott. The price for three commissioners to attend 1 day of seminars is \$1100.

A new law requires municipal assets or property be inventoried by the end of 2003. The Board decided to get a head start by beginning the inventory now. American Appraisal will provide a bid for their services. "Is this like hiring a lawyer or an engineer?" Mayor Siegel asked. "A low bid might not be the right bid." Mayor Siegel commented. Board members agreed that they should seek a company by reference rather than price.

The first meeting in November has been changed to Monday, November 4th at 7 PM, because of Election Day.

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Board recognizes improvements

By Kevin Plienis

Positive agenda items were discussed at the Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting on October 22.

Trustee Streit reported that the sidewalk installation in Columbus Manor has been progressing along fine.

"There were very minor issues raised throughout the project but the positive comments that have come from residents so far outweigh any of the minor issues that may have come up in the past," said Streit.

Trustee Keane talked about the reflective markers on stop signs.

This is on one stop sign located at 97th and 52nd Avenue. "This is very effective," said Keane. "You can

see that stop sign from a block and a half away."

"It's especially effective in areas that have a lot of trees," added Keane.

The Public Works Department has replaced street signs to make them easier to read according to Keane. "If you're looking for a street, you will see it before you pass it," said Keane.

Trustee Hurkes brought attention to people who collect for fundraisers on the street corners in Oak Lawn. "If you go by and see these people who are doing it, they have no markings whatsoever," said Hurkes.

A controlled identification of these individuals would make residents aware who they are and where the donated money is going ac-

cording to Hurkes.

Village Manager Joe Faber mentioned that a young resident had plans to construct a haunted house on his driveway at 9325 S. Kenton with approval from the Building Department.

"He'd assume a lot of liability," said Faber. A custom-made haunted house must be inspected by the fire department and pass safety codes. It must also have an emergency sprinkling system.

The Board along with the village attorneys agreed that this was too late to approve.

"There are several layers of issues here," said Faber. The homeowner requesting the haunted house was not present at the meeting and his request was denied.

The Plaza Celebrates 50 years

The heyday of ponytails, poodle skirts, pompadours and bowling shirts will be revisited when Stormy Weather and 11th Avenue, award-winning a Capella doo-wop groups, perform at The Plaza, 9500 S. Western Ave., Evergreen Park, in celebration of the shopping center's 50th anniversary.

Stormy Weather, a quintet specializing in the a Capella vocal harmonies made famous by city street-corner singers in the 1950s, has won numerous awards including the Parents' Choice Gold Award and NAPPA Gold Award. Hailing from the Gary/Hammond, Ind., area, the group has been performing for more than 25 years, bringing to family audiences popular standards and hits made famous by groups like The Drifters, The Spaniels and The Skyliners. Also performing is 11th Avenue, another 1950s style doo-wop group which has been acclaimed for their a Capella song-styling. Stormy

Weather and 11th Avenue will perform in The Plaza Center Square as part of the Mall's 50th Anniversary Celebration entertainment from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays in November and December. The groups performances are geared to families - many of their awards were earned for children's music CDs - as well as doo-wop style Christmas. The performance schedule is: 1950s Sounds to Share - It's a Family Affair, Sat., Nov. 23; Kids Bop to Doo-Wop, Sat., Nov. 30 and Dec. 7; and Yule Hop to Doo-Wop, Sat., Dec. 14 and 21. Families who visit The Plaza to shop and enjoy 50th Anniversary activities will also get free balloons from Guest Services.

In the Holiday spirit, Stormy Weather and 11th Avenue will donate 25% of the proceeds from The Plaza sales of their CDs to the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. The Society provides health assistance to disadvantaged children to give them a foundation for a future productive and wholesome life. CDs (\$14.95 each) and tapes (\$8.95 each) will be on sale during Nov. and Dec. at The Plaza Guest Services booth and at the Nearly New Shop, 1741 W. 99th St., Chicago.

Both the Beverly Hills Chapter and the Junior Chapter will participate in implementing CD sales to benefit The Infant Welfare

Society of Chicago. The Junior Chapter will coordinate sales at The Plaza, during Saturday anniversary performances, and the Beverly Hills Chapter will sell music at The Nearly New Shop, a consignment shop which has been serving the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park area for more than 50 years to raise funds for the charity.

Leaf raking project needs volunteers

Would you like to make a difference in Oak Lawn? Do you need community service hours? Volunteer just a few hours and help those in need. The Oak Lawn Community Partnership Servathon Leaf raking project will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 and 16, 2002. Volunteers should meet at the Oak Lawn Village Hall, east entrance (across from the library) 94th and Raymond. Working hours are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (708) 499-7792 or 499-7817 to volunteer. Lunch will also be served. All rakes/equipment provided and each volunteer receives a free T-shirt.

Doc." He asked why? See that big fish on the bottom, he's not moving. He said yes, rather he's sleeping.

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Julie Condon

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ery day injustice. Going with the flow upon juggling a busy schedule. A waiting room filled up to capacity, I remember the voice of a patient, speaking how their sons played ball and how he tried to always be there. As this patient talked, it finally dawned on me, why their was a fish tank in the waiting room. Remembering a bit of humor, the last words were exchanged when the doctor approached the fish tank where I always sat. Looking up dead serious, I replied, "Think you have to do CPR



Moraine Valley Community College has launched a "Partners in Learning" agreement with the University of Chicago Hospital Academy to train hospital employees as nurses. Moraine Valley offers the entire program on-site at the University of Chicago Hospital in an extended 3 1/2-year curriculum that enables students to earn a nursing degree through classes and practical applied experience. Currently, 20 employees are enrolled in the program. Pictured are (front row, from left) Dr. Sharon Kennedy, dean of Career Programs at Moraine Valley; Peggy Machon, assistant dean of Career Programs at Moraine Valley; Judy Schueler, executive director and chief learning officer of the UCH Academy; Rita Amerio, nursing instructor at Moraine Valley; and Jamie O'Malley, vice president and chief nursing officer at UCH; and (back row, from left) James McLean, manager of operations at the UCH Academy; Dr. Mary Kay Kickels, senior vice president of Academic Affairs at Moraine Valley; Gloria Victoria, department chair and instructor of Nursing at Moraine Valley; Maryann Jatzak, nursing instructor at Moraine Valley; Dr. Vernon Crawley, president of Moraine Valley; and Kenneth P. Kates executive vice president and chief operating officer of the University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System at UCH.

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Illinois Liquor Commission upholds Pizza Pub decision

by Jude Coyle

At the Palos Hills City Council meeting of October 17, 2002, Mayor Gerald Bennett announced that he had received word from the Illinois Liquor Commission concerning his decision to revoke Pizza Pub's liquor license. "They (the Liquor Commission) found that my past rulings are fair and consistent," Bennett explained. For that reason, the Commission decided to uphold Mayor's Bennett's initial decision. Pizza Pub has 21 days to appeal.

Mayor Bennett heard the original complaint in September, 2001. This was their third complaint about selling liquor to minors.

Tentative dates have been set to hear complaints against Palos Mart, 103rd and Harlem, and Pantry Plus, 8025 W. 103rd Street. Again complaints have to do with serving minors. This is the first against Palos Mart, and the second against Pantry Plus.

Mayor Bennett explained the process. The business can either accept the complaint, or have their complaint heard. Again, it's their choice.

If found in violation of the Illinois State Liquor Code, the business can have their license suspended for several days, or they can pay a fine. "One, two, three, you're out," explained Mayor Bennett. "We are not against alcohol in Palos Hills. Quite the contrary. We encourage businesses to be successful here. I take my position as Liquor Commissioner seriously. Holding a liquor license is a privilege and should be treated that way."

Alderman Joel Tomas talked about Green Oak Apartment Complex, located between 101st and 99th, 86th Avenue and 84th Avenue; and Scenic Trees Apartment Complex, located between 103rd and 104th, 86th Avenue and 84th Avenue. He and Alderman Pauline Stratton met with the managers at both complexes about providing activities for resident teens. Green Hills management, Tomas reported, is very open to ideas. They have a pool, he said, and a weight room, although access to the weight room is restricted to those 18 years and older. They are considering adding

basketball courts.

Scenic Trees management, Alderman Tomas explained, is also receptive, but must discuss this with the corporate office before implementing any changes. They have a tennis court, which they plan to re-asphalt and beautify. They might be willing to convert that to an in-line skating rink.

Alderman Tomas emphasized two things. First, this is in the discussion stage, and secondly, this would not affect the home owners in the surrounding areas.

The Council agreed to have stop signs placed at 100th Place, Wood Lane, and 83rd Court. They also agreed, that if ComEd could wire the intersection, a light pole and street light is necessary on the corner of 104th Street and 83rd Avenue.

Spa in the Hills has again changed hands. Michael A. Pauly is asking for a special use permit for therapeutic massage. The previous owner also provided that service. As Alderman Dan Scurek explained, the licenses and permits are issued to the owner and not the es-

tablishment..

Alderman Frank Williams reported that the City has purchased a 16 passenger bus from Pace for \$2500. This should save the City money as prior to this purchase, the City rented buses. Alderman Williams reports that a number of current employees are qualified to drive a bus.

Steve Cullin of the Green Hills Public Library addressed the Council. He asked for support of Referendum 117. To support this referendum, he said, is to support this community.

Green Hills has done very well with the money they have. Books, tapes, movies and computer classes are available to the community, and without charge. He reminded all that the increase in taxes would come to about \$33 for a home owner that is now paying \$3000 in taxes. "You get your money back," he said, "By taking advantage of what we have to offer."



will explain the working of the Illinois Securities Department, focusing on crimes against senior citizens, touching on investor education on scams and how to protect yourself against being a victim of financial fraud.

Lauren is a graduate of Indiana University, received her law degree and masters in mass communication from Drake University and is currently attending the Illinois Institute of Technology's Center for Law and Financial Markets. She also volunteers with the Chicago Cares and tutors for the Cabrini-Green Programs.

The function of democratic living is not to lower standards, but to raise those that have been too low.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

Publisher's Pen

Recently there was an introduction to Portuguese wine country called the Douro Valley Region. This region is located in Northeast Portugal, within the Douro Basin. In 2001 the "Alto Douro Wine Region" was classified by the World Heritage Site as UNESCO.

Tasting the very best of Portugal's Port at Cite Restaurant - 70th floor at Lake Point Tower - was overwhelming. Over 14 vendors were present giving samples of their Port. Of course, this reporter would ask the almost impossible. Do you have White Port? Well, all of the vendors sell White Port but only two had samples, Churchill and Kopke which were very good. They told me it's very popular in Portugal to have white wine, but isn't a big seller here. Imagine sitting by the ocean sipping white port on ice, tonic with a sprig of mint.

Barry Walsh from

Frederick Wildman and Sons, was not only the first person to have a sample of White Port, but explained what food complements it. If you like Port wine contact Barry Walsh at bwalsh@frederick.

Mario Rui Ferreira from the Port Wine Institute brought the wholesalers together with restaurant goers and buyers from all walks of life. His purpose was to give the very best of Portugal.

On the other hand, congratulations to the Children's Museum at Navy Pier celebrating their 25th birthday on October 19. Congratulations to Stephen O'Toole and his wife Vicki on their recent marriage. They will be celebrating their honeymoon in Italy in December. They both teach in the twin cities.

Our condolences to Anne Woollard Dixon and family on the loss of her mother Frances Woollard. Frances touched the heart of so many people, for she was well-loved by many. Our sympathy to Genene Berkin and family, of St. Gerald Parish,

Oak Lawn on the recent death of Conrad Berkin. Many years ago, Conrad was a Hancock Insurance Agent. He is a St. Martin graduate and attended meetings occasionally at O.L. with his former classmates. He also was active at St. Gerald Parish. He was owner of Conrad S. Berkin & Associates, Ins. Agency and on the Board of Directors for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. He certainly will be missed.

McAfee to address Oak Lawn Kiwanis

Lauren McAfee, Enforcement Attorney for the Illinois Department of Securities of Secretary of State Jesse White's Office, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis, Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., following a 6:30 dinner at Old Barn Restaurant, 8100 S. Parkside, Burbank.

Judy Gonsch, coordinator, announced that Ms. McAfee

Public service a Sheehan 'tradition'

By: Will Conkis

Cook County Circuit Judge Nancy Drew Sheehan and fictional detective, Nancy Drew, do have something in common. But it isn't as obvious as their names; it's their dedication to justice.

While the teen-age sleuth works in the pages of pulp fiction novels solving murder mysteries, the judge focuses each day in court on serving justice, protecting the public's interest and helping real people receive their fair and impartial day in court.

It's been said the independent, self-reliant fictional character has influenced more than one woman's life: indeed, some classify her as a feminist icon. But anyone in search of a role model would do well to turn to Judge Sheehan, whose middle name comes from an Irish great grandmother. Instilled with an entrepreneur spirit from her mother's family, the McFaddens, and tradition of commitment to education and teaching from the Sheehans, the judge has had successful careers as an educator, lawyer, politician, elected public official and justice.

She was a successful history teacher in the Chicago Public Schools before decid-

ing to attend law school at age 35. After receiving her law degree, she became a Cook County State's Attorney's Office. As an assistant state's attorney, she was assigned to the child support, juvenile court-child protection and environmental law divisions.

After three years in the State's Attorney's Office, she began a career as an elected government official by running successfully for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Board of Commissioners, where she served as board vice president, chairman of the Judiciary and Real Estate Committees and vice chairman of the Finance Committee. During her "political" career, Sheehan also ran for the office of state treasurer in 1994.

In 1996, she was elected circuit court judge for the 8th Judicial Sub-circuit. From 1996 to 1999, Sheehan served in Traffic Court. In 1999, she was assigned to the County Division of the Circuit Court where she heard cases that included contested adoptions, mental health hearings and election law contests. Her current assignment is Housing Court. It's an assignment, she said, she enjoys very much because she

finds it intellectually challenging. The cases coming before her are appeals from decisions by administrative hearing officers for the City of Chicago to ensure their rulings are not against the "manifest weight of the evidence." The reviews cover a wide range of laws, from traffic to housing.

"The role is closer to that of an appeals court. We provide the citizens the opportunity to have their day in court when they disagree with the ruling by the administrative officer. It provides the average citizen access to the judicial system," Sheehan said.

"It's all about being fair. You must be objective in this job and keep your opinions out of it. You've got to really work to be totally objective. The law is what it is. My job is to read and know the law and apply that law to the facts. And that's why my views on any issue are irrelevant."

When asked if she found it difficult to leave a secure and successful career as a teacher to attend law school and start a new career as a lawyer, Sheehan says it really wasn't difficult thanks to the support of her family and especially the encouragement of her father, Drew, who was

a veteran segregant of the Chicago Police Department Association. "With my father, my uncle, Benjamin, and grandfather, James, in law enforcement, police and legal service were a part of the family tradition on the Sheehan side of the family," she added.

Undoubtedly, Sheehan said, the family's connection to law enforcement was a major factor in her decision to seek her law degree by attending night school while continuing to be a high school teacher. She attended night school for four years. "My father saw no reason why I shouldn't continue my education and go to night school and become an attorney. My father convinced me it was time (for more women to enter the law)," Sheehan noted.

It was also her father who encouraged her to seek election to the Water Reclamation District Board. "That was 1986 and I won; no one could believe it. But my father knew it was time for more women to participate formally in the political process (as candidates)," she said. In addition to the support of her father, Sheehan says she feels her McFadden and Sheehan ancestors, who immigrated to the United

States from the County of Cook and settled in Chicago, serve credit for the life she enjoys. "I appreciate all of the sacrifices they made to come here. It wasn't easy; I'm benefiting from all of the efforts and risks they took. It is only because of them that I'm living the life I'm living today," she said.

Her appreciation of the family history and her Irish heritage were the reasons Sheehan has made five trips to Ireland and plans to make a sixth soon.

Southside Garden Novices meeting

The Southside Garden Novices invite you to attend their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland. Enter on the east side of the building. The speaker will be Shirley Evans, of the Fields Day Lily Farm. The meeting is open to the public; non-member fee is \$2. For more information, call (708) 636-7931

Songs of War, Songs of Peace at Green Hills Library

Attend a musical morning hosted by Cat Catalani and her exciting program "Songs of War, Songs of Peace" which will showcase popular songs from the American Civil War through the Vietnam War. Join us for the Pre-Veterans Day Program Thursday, Nov. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served, so register at the Reference Desk. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

St. Mary Mass

The Mother Cabrini Society of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, located at 6435 South Kilbourn, will celebrate its 7th Annual Mass in honor of Mother Cabrini. The mass will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 3:00 p.m. Celebrant of the mass will be Rev. Ralph Zwirn, Pastor of St. Turibius Parish. All are invited to attend this celebration to honor the Patron Saint of the Immigrants and "Chicago's Own Saint."

St. Germaine Parish dinner dance

St. Germaine Parish, 98th and Kolin, Oak Lawn is celebrating forty years of faith, family and friendship at a dinner dance on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Germaine Activity Center, the cost of \$20.00 per person includes a delicious buffet dinner, one drink and music for listening or dancing.

An anniversary mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Former parishioners and friends are invited to join the festivities. For tickets and further information please call (708) 636-5060.

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***Water Signs:** Be prepared to make changes in your everyday life, and possibly your work area. Someone wants you to do some traveling. Are you interested? You should examine your life, who should be in it, what you are doing and what you want to do or whom to be with. This month it is critical to know "thyself." F, some Irish people and Taurus as well as Libra and Pisces involved.

***Earth Signs:** Laugh more, be more open to new adventure and stop thinking that all adversity is some kind of curse put on you. People involved may be R, and Pisces people too. You have much to learn about yourself such as your strengths and your weaknesses. A strange dream may bring about big changes.

***Fire Signs:** When it comes to spending money, you know the how, when and where of it all. Still, it is apparent to you that some people think you have more than you have, or that you should automatically provide them their needs. Speak up. D and M and some people in the sign of Capricorn enter your scenario this month and seem to have been almost telepathically sent to you to help you.

***Air Signs:** Know what is expected of you at work, by the mate or family members. Then act accordingly to what you know you "can" do without tearing your own life apart. The needs you have must also be met! T and C are involved and people born in the signs of Cancer and Sagittarius. Urgent travel involved.

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Letter to the Editor

Let's keep the ball rolling! Oak Lawn's borders are growing to the south with new subdivisions. Our library best in the area, is expanding. The district is ever changing to meet the needs of Oak Lawn. The village has instituted successful program to encourage new business and economic growth.

Lets promote this upgrade of our fine village by voting yes to the November 5th referendums for the Oak Lawn Hometown District 123. Excellent schools are a vital point of the value of everyone's property. As many seniors in Oak Lawn sell the homes we want to attract young families to promote growth in our village. People like myself who grew up in Oak Lawn want to raise our children here. Many surrounding school districts have referendums on the ballot. An upgraded school system will enhance the village for all. Please further the continuing advancement of our village.

Susan Smith
Oak Lawn

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Celebrating Veterans Day Mass

The Eighth Grade Class of St. Albert the Great School will be celebrating a Veterans Day Mass on Monday, Nov. 11 2002, at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served in Rogers Hall following Mass. We would be honored if you could join us. Please feel free to share your stories, photos, uniforms, and memories with the students. St. Albert the Great Church is located at

5535 West State Road in Burbank. For more information, call (708) 424-7757

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"The Cherry Orchard," Anton Chekhov's classic comic masterpiece, will be presented by the Philip Lynch Theatre at Lewis University. Evening performance, 8:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Call, (815) 836-5500, Monday through Friday, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Ripper to address garden seniors

Deborah Ripper, Naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, will speak before the Garden Seniors, Friday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. at First Methodist Church, 10000 S. Central Ave, in Oak Lawn.

Blanch Gerard, coordinator, announced that Ripper will explain the recreation and conservation available within the forest preserves. Deborah has been assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs. She is a graduate of Elmhurst College where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and Spanish.



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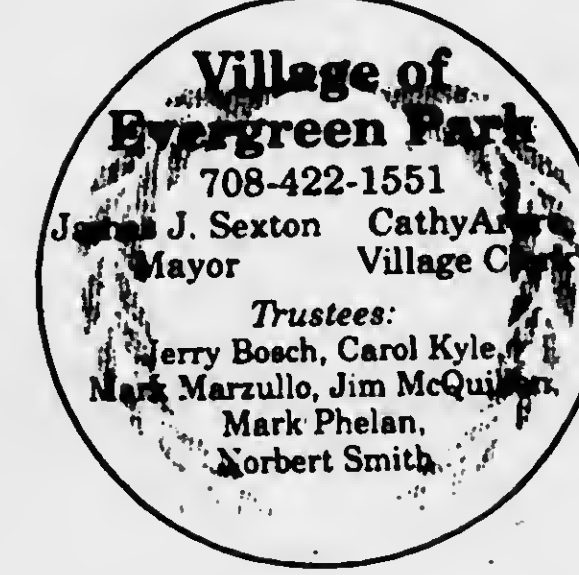
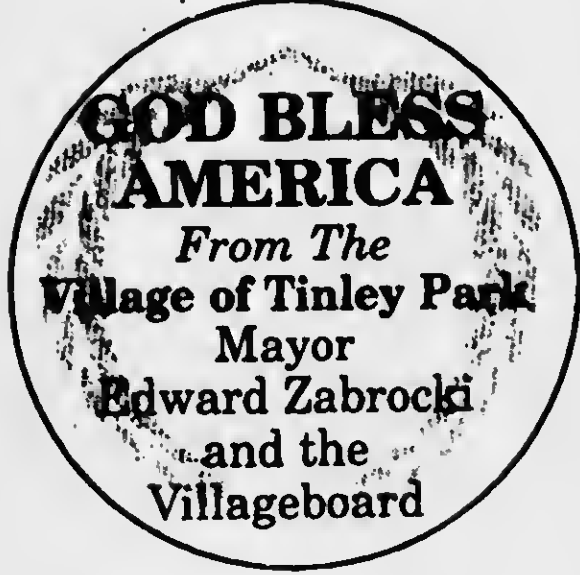
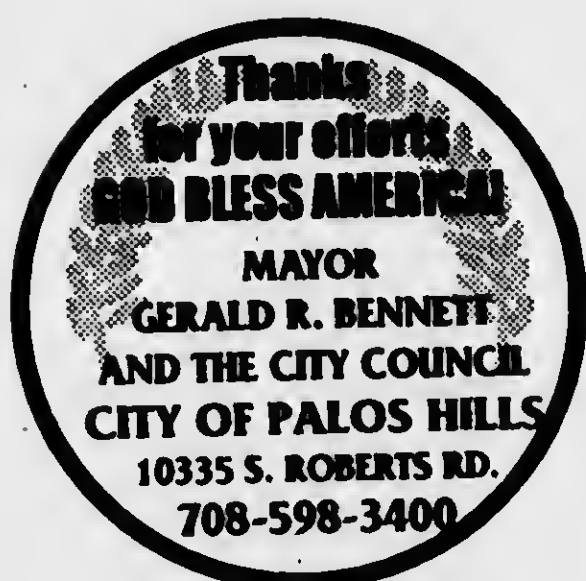
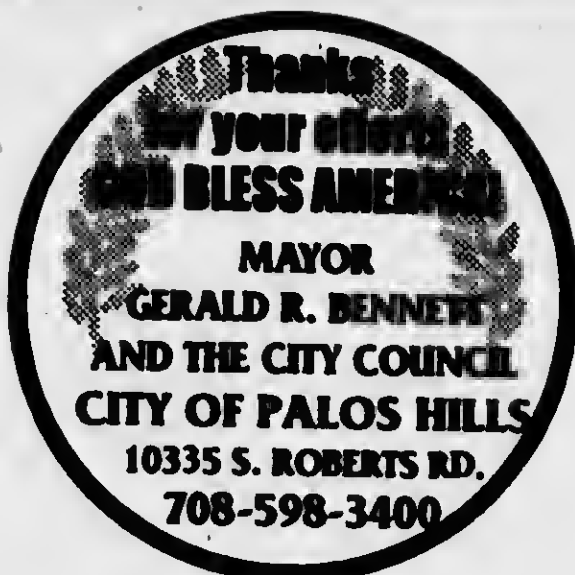
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McDonald and her faculty.

The ritual team consisted of: Post Quartermaster John Nasakaitis, Commander Paul Marietta, Chaplain Henry Wyrobek, Officer of the Day John Swan, Past Commander Ralph Buglio, Vice Commander Paul Lysik, Past Commander John Buckley and Joe Carvelli.

VFW Post No. 177 often presents American flags to schools in an effort to instill true patriotism to school children. One of the objectives of the VFW is to inspire love of country and knowledge of our flag in our youth. The

VFW believes that today's children are our future leaders; and how we educate them now will govern how they will lead us in the future.

Judge Crane

It has been announced that Judge Clayton J. Crane, with the Criminal Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, addressed the Beverly Ridge Lion Club on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the



Beverly Woods Restaurant at 11532 S. Western Ave.

Judge Crane talked about the court system and his role, as a judge in the largest judicial system in the country. Judge Crane was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1975 and served as an Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County. He

was first elected to the bench in 1996 and assigned to the 1st Municipal District. In 1998 he was transferred to the Criminal Division. He is a graduate of Brown University and received his Juris Doctor from Hamline University.

Zaglifa to speak

Sergeant Mike Zaglifa from the Palos Heights Police Department will speak to parents who want to learn how to keep their

children safe from Internet predators. Also a tour of the new Palos Heights Police Facility will take place at 9:30 a.m. at the Palos Heights Police Department, 7600 W. College Drive. For more information call, Mema Trotter at 532-0184

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or may not charge a fee. All speaking arrangements and financial agreements must be made between the speaker and the hiring group. Speakers are added to the list as they are submitted. To get a copy of the list or to find out how you can be included on the list, contact Linda Olsen, Public relations officer, (708) 422-4990

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
Kathywhirity@mymailstation.com

Just Say - 'Charge It'

Everywhere you go these days stores are coming up with gimmicks and ploys to get shoppers to utter the two most financially profiting words to benefit big business - 'Charge It.' Parents of college age kids are busy balancing family budgets to accommodate their little adults who are forever in need of a little pocket cash in making ends meet. Unlike their parents, these kids don't seem to take seriously the importance of keeping a closer eye on their spending.

Maybe that's why it's so difficult to understand the concept behind the multitude of stores and credit card companies aggressively competing to put their credit cards in the hands of our carefree spending young adults. These wide-eyed spenders don't have a clue as to how fast they can become buried in an avalanche of credit card debt, from which they have no resources to dig themselves out from under.

All they know is they love to shop so, with card in hand, they are signing on the dotted line at an alarming rate. Some of these college kids, who are being stalked and seduced by these sharks in corporate clothing, are a far cry from being con-

scientious consumers. What attracts some kids to certain cards has nothing to do with low interest rates or no annual fees, but rather the 'cool' scenery on the card itself. That's one indication that these shop-a-holics in training are not ready for the responsibility.

One popular mall store offered a deal too good for any fashion conscious teen to pass up. Apply for a credit card to this store and get a pair of jeans (way overpriced at \$75.00), for 30% off, (the actual price the jeans are really worth!) It's hard for parents to teach teens the value of saving for what they want when all around them they're getting the message - 'BUY NOW, PAY LATER.'

Though we try to warn them that if they don't have the cash now, chances are they won't have it later, our advice falls on deaf ears. If that's not frustrating enough, there are commercials that actually encourage this misuse of spending. The main character of one such commercial is called 'Creditor the Clown.' He does the dirty work for a bankruptcy lawyer. His goal is to clobber creditors who want their money from over-

spending, delinquent, credit card shoppers. The message is loud and clear to our kids - when you can't pay just call your local lawyer and he'll be more than happy to have your troubles erased. Maybe that's just what these sly credit card companies deserve. After all, they're recruiting children to just say 'Charge It' when, for the most part, they don't even have consistent income. The trouble is that these kids are setting themselves up for a lifetime of credit card debt. What they don't seem to realize is that, in real life, there won't be a Bozo look alike beating up bill collectors when they come demanding their money. Though it seems that sounds of 'Charge It' may be a richly rewarding rhythm to big business' ears, eventually it will strike a sour note. And the only ones striking it rich will be the bankruptcy lawyers who are banking on the irresponsibility of our free spending youth.

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Topinka Honored Hispanic Leaders at Celebration

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka hosted her seventh annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the James R. Thompson Center and presented six Hispanic community leaders with public service awards. In addition to the awards, the celebration also featured a display of art work sponsored by students from the Latino art Beat.

"Today is a day of celebration as we remember and honor the many achievements and sacrifices made by our friends in the Hispanic community. Whether in the arts, literature, business, community service or the sciences, the Hispanic community has greatly contributed

to the betterment of our nation, our state and our community," Topinka said. "And while we remember past achievements, today we also look ahead to the future and focus our eyes on the bright horizon that surrounds the Hispanic culture in the 21st Century."

During the celebration, Topinka presented the Treasurer's Outstanding Public Service Awards to community leaders that have made a difference, not only in the Hispanic community, but also across the state and around the world. This year's recipients include Waukegan 4th Ward Alderman Tony Figueroa; President of the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council, Mr. Jose L. Arroyo; President of the Centro

American Civic Society of Illinois, Mr. Julio Cesar Montoya; President of the Guatemalan Chamber of Commerce of Illinois, Mr. Rene Noriega; President of the 47th Street Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Damaso Ramirez; and Board of Directors of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Greg Salgado.

Fleet hometown news

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jason A. Kerridan, a 2001 graduate of Marist High School, Chicago, IL, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Kerridan was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Job Corps preparing young people

Recruiters are looking for students to fill openings at the three Illinois Job Corps centers during the program's fall recruitment drive, Regional Director Stephen Garlington announced today. Young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are seeking career development and job training are eligible to attend the Job Corps centers in Chicago, Golconda and Joliet.

"This time of year, many young people are assessing their options for fall. For those who would like to increase their job opportunities, but don't have many resources, Job Corps is the answer. At Job Corps, young people are given the chance to obtain the skills and experience necessary to pursue the career of their choice completely free of charge," Garlington said. "Job Corps is the edge that young people need to be successful in today's competitive job market." The Career Develop-

ment Services System begins as soon as each student enters the programs. Students work with an adviser to set career goals and devise a plan of action before instructors begin teaching students the essentials of job hunting, interviewing and how to maintain employment.

As part of the Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration, Job Corps trains more than 68,000 people per year and has been the country's most successful job training program for the past 37 years. Those who want to learn more about Job Corps and what it has to offer can call (800) 804-6180 in Illinois or visit the Job Corps Web site at www.jobcorps.org.

Margo Schreiber Honored by Council for Jewish Elderly

Director of the Illinois Department on Aging Margo E. Schreiber, who serves as the Governor's and the Illinois General Assembly's ambassador to nearly two million seniors in Illinois,

was honored Oct. 14 by the Council for Jewish Elderly for outstanding work on behalf of seniors and their families throughout the state.

During the Council's 30th anniversary annual meeting at the Weinberg Community For Senior Living in Deerfield, Schreiber was lauded as a tireless advocate and leader who fights to ensure that older people live independently and with dignity in their own homes and communities.

Schreiber was appointed as director of the Illinois Department on Aging in 1999. Some of her many accomplishments include publicizing the expansion of the Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance Program and the new Illinois SeniorCare Program to help seniors pay for prescription medications; implementing a Family Caregiver Support Program to reach out to unpaid, family caregivers struggling to take care of an elderly parent or spouse; chairing the Governor's Elder Abuse Task Force and producing recommendations to help protect vulnerable seniors, especially from financial exploitation; and promoting the visibility of the Department to help seniors access needed services.

Director Schreiber created a new slogan for the Department - "In Illinois Aging is Everybody's Business," to help educate all age groups about the implications of and need to prepare for growing older. She continues to write a monthly newspaper column, "Seniors Ask," which is distributed to 200 publications and addresses the everyday concerns of seniors.

She has spent over 25 years working in the fields of aging and human services. As administrator of DuPage County Human services, she worked to provide housing, mental health services, transportation, energy services and senior services to those in need. She served as founder and Chairman of the DuPage Federation and served on the Illinois Council on Aging for nearly 20 years.

Schreiber is a 1983 graduate of National-Louis University which honored her in 2002 as a distinguished alumni. She is also the recipient of the Josephine Oblinger Award in recognition of her advocacy on behalf of seniors.

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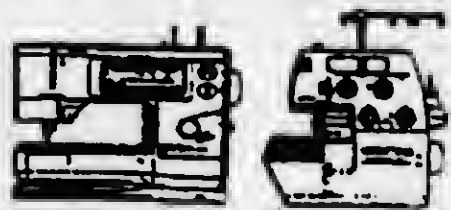
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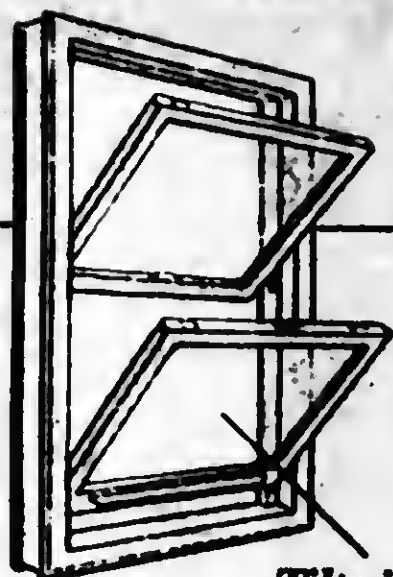
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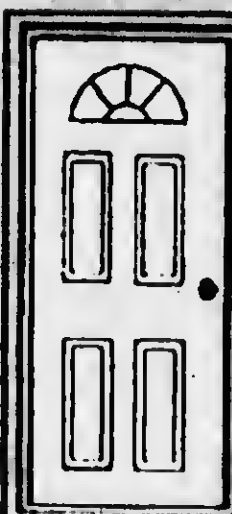
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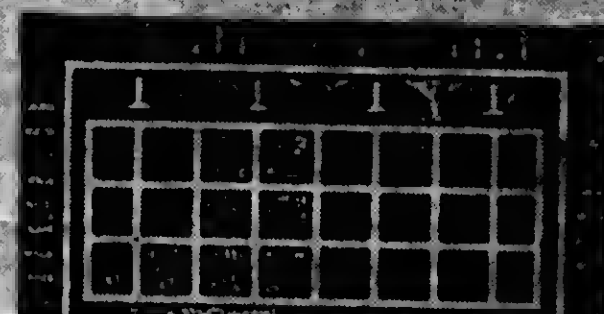


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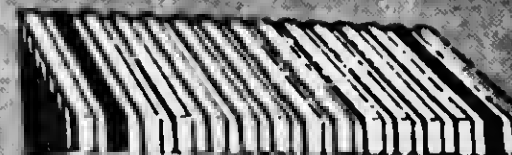
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Letter to the editor

I am a lifelong Democrat who has worked in the office of the Illinois Attorney General for over sixteen years. When the new Attorney General, Jim Ryan, took office eight years ago, I fully expected to be fired. I was not. It was the first of many pleasant surprises that I was to have. I began to understand that it was not going to be business as usual.

It makes me furious when I hear the Blagojevich camp say that he has been an ineffective Attorney General. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Attorney General's office he inherited was a real mess. There were numerous labor grievances, outmoded equipment, a substantial budget difficult and audit findings. It was also an office riddled with sleaze.

Jim Ryan immediately went to work; he improved relations with labor dramatically and fostered a positive work environment in which employees could advance. He also streamlined a backward office and updated our computer systems which in-

creased our efficiency greatly. He managed to accomplish all this while at the same time keeping a lid on spending. He balanced the budget after his first year in office and has kept it balanced. The office now has no material audit findings. He made it clear that sexual harassment would not be tolerated. Also, Jim Ryan's administration implemented a training program which taught hospital emergency room personnel to recognize the signs of domestic violence and to report it. These are only some of the accomplishments he could take credit for. Unfortunately, none of this gets any media attention.

One thing I know is that this guy is for real. He's endured some very bad times over the last decade. Throughout all of the tragedy of his daughter dying and chemotherapy, he has been at the office doing his job without complaint. It is life's tragedies that very often are the true test of a man's character. In my opinion, Jim Ryan has passed that test. He has shown himself to me and to the people who work with him that he is a good and courageous man and a strong leader. Believe me if you knew this guy, you would vote for him

Katie Tennant
Oak Lawn Resident

why has this not been considered in current budget. Assuming late taxes in future years, what measures are being taken on future budgets to eliminate the need to borrow?

4. How are we assured that borrowed money will only be used on an as needed basis? What specifically will monies be used for and how will this be controlled? How are we assured that borrowed money will be paid back promptly with anticipated property taxes?

As a 40-year resident of Worth, I feel compelled to voice my concerns, as to how this meeting was conducted. The plan to borrow substantial sums of money was poorly explained to other board members, and to the public in attendance. Questions were ignored, or hurriedly passed by. The plan was passed swiftly, for reasons that are unclear.

Furthermore, I felt that senior members of the board were ill prepared to address details, and quite abrupt and inconsiderate to the taxpaying citizens of Worth, who were concerned enough

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about this issue to attend the meeting. I should hope that the attitude demonstrated at this meeting by our elected officials, is not the standard at all board meetings. To ensure that this is not the case, I will urge Worth residents to become more active in our village proceedings, as I plan on doing going forward.

Edith Shusthoff

Letter

The Green Hills Public Library District, which serves Hickory Hills and Palos Hills, is presenting a well thought out referendum improvement program to district voters. Improvements include more building space, more seating, more books and materials, more hours open and added computer stations for patron use.

Residents are using the library more than ever. In the past 5 years the number of items checked out increased by 55 percent.

The library is an integral part of the community. It tells its residents and its neighbors, what they think of themselves. From a purely practical standpoint, good libraries have become absolutely essential in this increasingly complex information age. Good libraries provide the collected wisdom of the ages, the stories of our successes, failures and follies

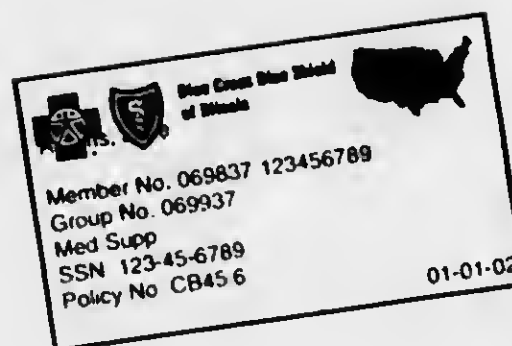
We are having an explosion of new books in print, desired access to new forms of media such as DVD's is increasing every day, and information provided by the Internet needs to be available

to everyone. We need to have a library that is properly funded and with enough space to equip our residents with the resources to live competently in the future. The time to make these li-

brary improvements starts with a "Yes" vote on November 5th. Please join me in telling our community that the library is important.

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Village board meeting concerns

I would like to voice some concerns that I have on a village board meeting I attended on Oct. 27th. The item to be discussed that captured my interest, was in regards to a plan to borrow up to \$400,000 to cover Accounts Payable and Payroll costs, until such time that earned property tax revenues are received. My concerns relate to both the plan and the meeting itself, and are as follows:

1. The meeting lasted less than 20 minutes. Questions concerning the plan were not answered. The plan appeared to have already been decided on.

2. Details to the plan are not publicly available

3. If needed property taxes have been late in the past,

Fall into Wisconsin's Fall colors

Traveling in Southern Wisconsin

by Annette Dixon

The wonderment of fall is not knowing when trees sprout colors. What we can be sure of is the colors we normally see this time of the year haven't arrived yet.

We really do have some time left. So take a drive and see the colors of Southern Wisconsin. Milwaukee and neighboring Oconomowoc are within a two hour drive of Oak Lawn.

Oconomowoc has much to offer, unlike their big city sister. It escapes the hustle and bustle of big city living, but still has the flavor of a small town atmosphere!

sauna or whirlpool. Call Lori at 1-800-558-9573, or check the web site at www.olympiaresort.com. Olympia Resort will be combined with numerous stores within an outside mall that will be coming this spring. The attraction in Oconomowoc is the trend to follow the rich and famous. Of course in this day and age, our casual dress will never reflect our monetary status but check out the property values in this town!

Property in Oconomowoc starts at \$150,000 (a little shack) to \$20 million plus for a home. There are a few Queen Anne and Victorian mansions up for sale.

None other than John S. Rockwell, "father of

by boat. Robert Duffy, the director of city development stated, "we can accommodate all groups especially seniors who will appreciate the historic array of homes still located around Fowler Lake and the other two lakes. There are three lakes in Oconomowoc that all have mansions but Fowler Lake has the most mansions visible to the naked eye." Contact Bob at 1-800-524-3744 or call the Chamber of Commerce at 262-567-2666.

If you haven't eaten yet, visit the Main Street Depot in downtown. It was a stone depot which was built at the request of Phillip Armour who later owned millions of dollars worth of stock in the railroad.

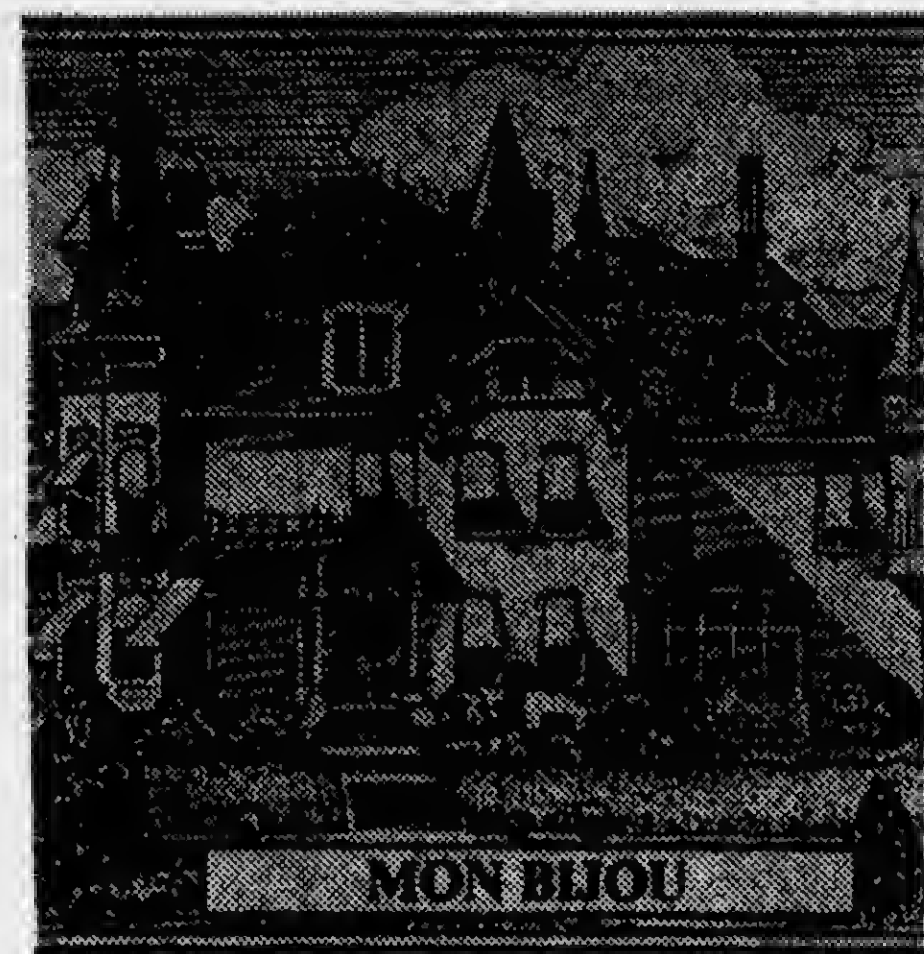
the Payton Family. Andy and Coleen and daughters are individually recognized within their own medium. Andy, a nationally recognized sports artist, Coleen specializing in photography, bead making, stained glass, and hand painted frames. Her canvas reproductions were accepted by Spiegel and are available for purchase in their spring catalog.

Nina and Cari, daughter of Andy and Coleen are also artists who display their work in the gallery. Take a peek and visit www.superiorciclees.com.

If you haven't found what you can appreciate here, go to a quiet area of Oconomowoc at the historic Pine Terrace Mansion which was turned into a 16 room bed and breakfast. The restora-

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Oconomowoc, who built the flour mill, the dam and lumber mill. David Gould, a St. Louis millionaire built a home in 1860 with 16 rooms fitted with 11 fireplaces. Mrs. H.G. Fuller of Chicago also was a resident of a Queen Anne home in 1884 in Oconomowoc and let us not forget Montgomery Ward and all his wealthy friends who all wanted to get away from the dirt and filth of the Chicago fire. The oldest house built was in 1840 and of course it was owned by a Rockwell - a log cabin was the first structure on this site.

A historic walk around Fowler Lake brought a new perspective to the town. Diane Johnson a long time resident and volunteer brought a new audio visual effect to us as we walked around the lake. This trip for seniors is highly recommended. One cannot get the true picture when you see it

Well now it's a fine eatery serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. You can still buy a luncheon favorite of barbecue baby back ribs, served with soup or salad, vegetables and a choice of potatoes for only \$7.25.

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The Goralski Gallery is also a must! Andy Goralski has painted four painting of Brett Favre, Green Bay Packers. Now Bear Fans, I do not get upset for Andy's friend, Walter Payton. Andy created the Walter Payton Hall of Fame induction prints in 1993. Each print was personally autograph by Walter Payton. The original portrait of Walter now resides with

tion of the mansion which is now The Inn at Pine Terrace is breathtaking. It has carved woodwork and elegant styling of wood throughout the mansion. It still has the look of a Victorian Mansion with huge thick doors and wood garnishing the walls. This mansion has the elegance and class of it's original owners, Henry and Peter Schuttler. Peter Schuttler was married to an Anheuser and the Anheusers, Buschs and other prominent brewing families spent many happy times at "Mon Bijou" as the Schuttlers Oconomowoc Manor was called. It was recently selected as the "Best Night in the Country" by Milwaukee Magazine. It's Victorian Style now features an enclosed sunroom, separate dining room with fireplace, an in ground swimming pool, exercise room, AC & color TV/cable, in room phones, computer modems, voice mail, fresh flow-

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Peace's academic and sports departments. Performances by the award-winning band and chamber singers also will be featured. Students will be engaged in classroom activities such as science experiments, computer work, art and dancing, depicting some of the fine learning experiences at Queen of Peace. Faculty, students, alumnae and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

Queen of Peace is located at 7659 S. Linder. For more information about Open House or Peace, call Mary Annerino at (708) 458-7600 or (773) 586-7300, Ext. 292. Visit Queen of Peace at www.queenofpeacehs.org.

Queen of Peace High School in Burbank invites 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families to Open House on Sunday, Nov. 24. One-hour tours begin at 12, 12:30, 1 and 1:30 p.m.

Open House visitors will learn about the challenging college prep curriculum and leadership opportunities available to all Peace students, the championship sports program, the fine arts program, and the 40 clubs and activities that provide leadership and learning experiences and fun outside of the classroom—all in the environment of girls Catholic school community emphasizing faith and service.

Tours will visit Peace's state-of-the-art science labs and computer centers, including the CAD lab, interdisciplinary classrooms and the technology-enriched library. Prospective students and their families can talk with representatives from

Book Time Contest

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites all children attending an Evergreen Park school or residing in Evergreen Park in grades K-8 to create a bookmark using the theme, "Book Time."

One winner will be chosen in each of the three groups: K-Grade 2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6-8. Winners will have their designs turned into official library bookmarks.

Local talent stands tall in "Working"

By Kevin Plenis

Powerful acting combined with brilliantly choreographed music made Moraine Valley Community College Theater's production of the musical "Working" a sensation.

This original Stephen Schwartz production, was directed by David M. Soria who previously directed Lysistrata at Moraine Valley.

The performances ran from October 25-27 at the Dorothy Menker Theater at Moraine Valley Community College.

"Working" was based on Studs Terkel's early 1970's book, "Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do."

The play, like the book, takes you into the personalities of workers from every profession imaginable including office workers, school teachers, corporate executives, firemen and truck drivers. The play showcases the actors in many of these professions.

Through strong adult dialogue and whimsical catchy songs the audience hears the workers' perspective views about the pros and cons of their jobs.

One highlight that illustrated this was in act two during the "It's An Art" musical number where actress Kathryn Mantoan expresses the high and low points of being a waitress in dialogue and song. In this scene, Mantoan's performance could be compared to acting legend Gilda Radner in my opinion.

Mantoan is currently attending Saint Xavier University as a vocal performance

"Stomp"

Stomp, the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Chicago at The Shubert Theatre, Tuesday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 29 2002. From its beginnings as a street performance in the UK, "STOMP" has grown into an international phenomenon over the past nine years. Tickets to Stomp range in price from \$30.00 to \$50.00 and are available at all Broadway in Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe St., 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St.), by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticketline at (312) 902-1400.

major.

Actor Dan Riley's parking lot attendant character kept the audience roaring in laughter.

Riley has performed in many productions with various theater companies on the south side of Chicago. His strong vocals definitely added to the wonderful music.

The costume design by Jane Bagnall made every actor look one-hundred percent realistic especially the firemen played by Thomas Brown and John Hodorowicz.

It was also interesting how some of the actors played multiple roles and looked different.

For example, actress Kitty Welter of Palos Heights had the lead dialogue of the mill worker but was also seen as a cleaning woman, school child and as an attractive date

in the unforgettable restaurant scene "It's An Art" mentioned earlier.

The scenic design, lighting and choreography for "Working" was equivalent to a production one would see at a downtown theater.

The play was separated into two acts with a 15-minute intermission. However, it was so intense the hours seemed to pass like minutes.

After leaving the play, you definitely have a better understanding of how people cope with their daily jobs through a variety of occupations.

Overall, I thought Moraine Valley's production of "Working" was an outstanding show because of the fine quality of acting talent. Also, the performances were very memorable.



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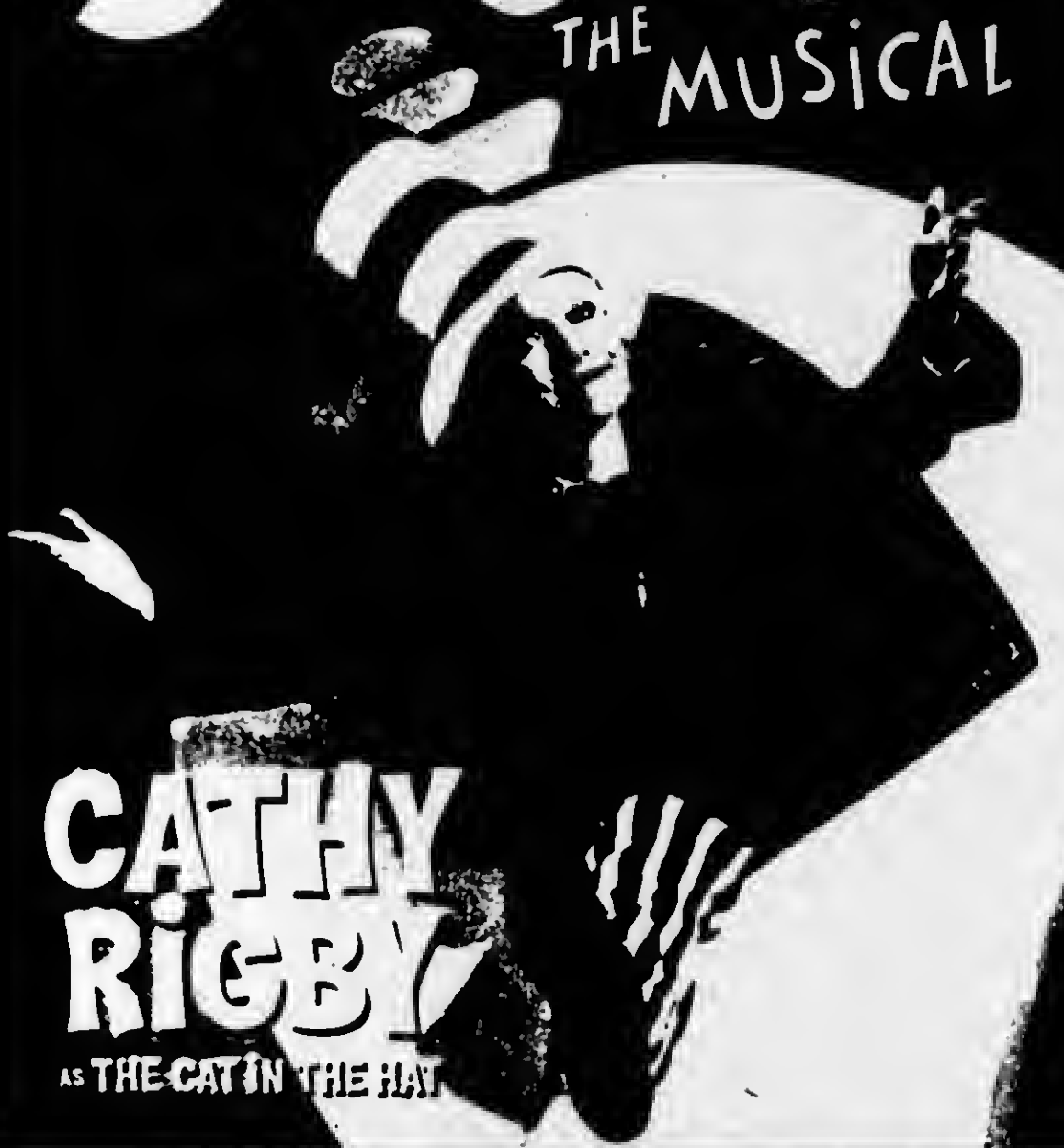
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State economic impact study: Moraine Valley is a sound investment

Moraine Valley is a sound investment for the 26 communities it serves. The college enriches the lives of students, prepares them for meaningful careers, reduces the demand for taxpayer-supported social services and contributes to the local and state economies, according to a 2002 economic impact study.

"The study was commissioned by the 39 community college districts, the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA), and the results confirm what we have felt for a long time - community colleges continue to play a vital role in the health and welfare of the communities they service," said John J. Daley, president of the ICCTA Board and secretary of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees.

Added Dr. John Donahue, chairman of the Moraine Valley Board, "Our enrollment continues to increase, and I believe that it shows how much value our community members place in a Moraine Valley education and what it means to them in terms of their futures. We know that we are an important part of our 26 communities and that we have a major responsibility of ensuring that we offer excellent programs and services that meet community demand."

The study, conducted by CC Benefits, Inc., included all 39 community college districts in the state. The study found that Moraine Valley is a solid investment from several standpoints:

*Students enjoy a 24 percent annual return on their investment of time and money.

*For every dollar invested in Moraine Valley, a student will receive \$6.93 in higher future earnings over the next 30 years.

*For each credit hour earned a student will, on average, earn \$134 more per year, every year they are in the workforce.

*The existence of Mo-

raine Valley injects \$271 million in direct and indirect wages and salaries to the local economy.*

*Each state and local tax dollar invested in Moraine Valley returns \$2.88 to taxpayers.


*The social benefits - reduced crime, lower welfare and unemployment and improved health - engendered by a Moraine Valley education amount to public savings of \$5.4 million per year.

"We have been serving our community for 35 years," Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said, "And are proud of what we have been able to contribute to meet the educational and career needs of our students. We will continue to develop programs and plans that will add even more to the quality of life our community enjoys."

For more information, phone Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275 or email horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

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Community high school district 218: Good schools and home values

By: Bob McParland

Quality schools touch entire communities. Quality schools produce the doctors, lawyers, teachers, and computer engineers of tomorrow. Quality schools provide the facilities - the gyms, computer labs, ball fields, and theaters - that form the foundation of community athletic and fine arts programs and adult education.

Property values offer another compelling reason to invest in good schools. Realtors, as well as home buyers, understand the role good schools play in building and maintaining property values. "When people talk about real estate values the same theme always comes up. Location, location, location, may be a cliché, but it's the absolute truth. Schools play a huge part in that. It's one of the major factors in the value of a home," said Chuck DiNolfo of Century 21 Pro-Team in Oak Lawn.

"Good Schools always play an important part in building and maintaining home values," said Peggy Perusina-Steidel of Remax Team 2000 in Palos Heights. "From a real estate perspective, quality schools make an area very desirable. Parents, and even people whose chil-

dren have left the home, generally understand that good schools are essential to a community's well being." DiNolfo emphasized that people shopping for homes typically ask about the quality of the school district serving the area. "Many home buyers now come armed with school district information. People who shop for homes consistently ask about the quality of the schools. Home buyers evaluate many factors for a particular area. They look at the transportation, park districts, fire and police protection, and especially schools. If you take away any one of these, there's a possibility you may devalue the property," he said.

"Before they start home shopping, many people do homework on where the good schools are located. Quality education is just one of those things that people look for when they're deciding where to buy a home," Perusina-Steidel said. A Duke University economist has gone so far as to quantify how much quality schools add to property values. Thomas Nechyba, in the Oct. 2002 issue of Atlantic Monthly, said that a good school district can easily add 25 percent to the value of a home.

On the other hand, The Board of Education of District 218 has voted to place a referendum on the Nov. 2002 ballot asking voters to approve a tax rate increase in the Education Fund for the first time since 1952. If approved, the referendum would increase the tax rate from \$1.61 to \$2.11 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. For a home valued at \$150,000, property taxes would increase about 40 cents per day.

This year the district will operate with a \$6 million budget deficit. District 218 can continue to fund its current levels of programs and personnel for two years. Many factors have conspired to create the district's financial crisis. Most importantly, the state of Illinois has failed to adequately finance education. In the mid-1980s, district 218 received more than 25 percent of its revenue from the state of Illinois. For the 2002-2003 school year, the state will provide 8 percent of the district's revenue. The state of Illinois has not provided District 218 with more than 10 percent of the district's revenue. The state of Illinois has not provided District 218 with more than 10 percent of its revenue for more than a decade. These

figures contrast sharply with what other states provide to schools. In 1998-99, the 50 states supplied an average of 48.7 percent of funds for elementary and secondary schools, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics at the U.S. Dept. of Education. Moreover, the 50 states as a whole have been contributing more to public schools as time has passed. The average level of funding from state governments for public schools was 30 percent in 1940, 39 percent in 1960, 47 percent in 1990, and nearly 49 percent in 1999.

Other state-related factors have cost district 218 millions every year. Special education and bilingual programs, which districts by law must provide but receive scant reimbursement for, cost district 218 nearly \$4.5 million last year alone. The Illinois Association of School Boards opposes such mandates "unless there is clear evidence of need for the mandate and the Illinois General Assembly provides non-local revenues to fully fund the additional costs of those programs."

The tax cap and prior-year freeze on property valuations has resulted in \$15 million of lost revenue to district 218

since 1991. Appeals of property tax assessments approved by the Property Tax Appeal Board have cost the district \$1.5 million since 1997. Also, the rate of collection for real estate taxes for the 2000 tax year fell to 94.5 percent. Between 1993 and 1997, the rate was between 98 percent and 99 percent.

In 2001, the Clark Oil refinery in Blue Island closed. This amounts to a loss of \$400,000 in property tax revenue annually. Also, the district's upgrades in school security, which include video surveillance systems, have cost the district \$500,000 in the past year. District 218 upgraded its security measures in the wake of the events of Sept. 11.

Insurance and maintenance costs have risen dramatically as well. Liability insurance rose 30 percent in the past year alone, due to the Sept. 11 attacks. The cost of health insurance rose 15 percent in the past year and likely will increase even more this year.

As district 218's schools continue to age, the cost of maintaining them increases. The boilers at Eisenhower High School, for example, are more than 50 years old and must be replaced. This

project alone has been estimated to cost in excess of \$6 million. Other projects such as window replacement, also have been delayed due to a lack of funds. Eisenhower was built in 1950, ASPEN/Summit in 1959, Richards in 1965, the administrative center and Polaris building in 1965, and Shepard in 1976. Cost control measures instituted this year include rolling back spending limits to 1999 levels. Further, travel to national conferences by administrative staff has been eliminated from the budget and, with the exception of emergencies and specific needs approved by supervisors, all overtime pay for hourly employees has been eliminated. The district also has made significant reductions in personnel. In 1994, the district employed 400 administrators and teachers. Despite an enrollment increase of 650 students since then, this year the district has 350 administrators and teachers.



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The SportsClub Fitness Center in Frankfort has added the very popular Pilates exercise classes to its growing list of programs offered to community members.

Tarie Mohan who is the coordinator of group fitness and aerobics says that more and more classes are being offered at SportsClub in the evening hours for working

parents. "We've added several new classes and they are steadily growing every month," said Mohan, "so we are anxious to add more and more classes. We're also offering child-care inside our arena for parents who are looking to stay fit. Our yoga classes and cardio-kick boxing are growing leaps and bounds, so people can check our web-site for new classes beginning added all the time. We are looking to add more certified, experienced instructors as the demand for classes continue to grow." The full calendar of



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Marist to host paper drives

Marist High School's Ecology Club will host two more paper drives this fall to promote the importance of recycling. The paper drives

will take place in the school's west parking lot, 4200 W. 115th Street, on Wednesday Nov 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

People are invited to drop off paper products such as newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office paper, and posterboard to be recycled. Please no phonebooks or cardboard. The club's last paper drive saved over 1 ton of paper. The goal for the next drive is to save 3 tons of paper for recycling.

Chicago Magic wins U.S. National Championship

On Saturday Oct. 19, the Chicago Magic Soccer Club collected its second ever US National Championship title when it captured the inaugural US Club Soccer National Finals this weekend with a thrilling 2-1 victory over the CASL Elite from Raleigh,

N.C. in the under-14 boys division. The Magic U-14 boys rallied from a 1-0 deficit in the final four minutes of the match with a pair of brilliant goals to capture the championship title.

The Magic's goals in the title game came in the 67th minute on a brilliant header goal by Eric Lichaj (Dowvers Grove) following a perfect cross from the left flank by Ross Le Beaux (Chicago). The game winning goal came in the 2nd minute of added time with just 60 seconds left in match was added by a rebound shot from Andrew Duran (Mokena) following a corner-kick by the Magic.

Magic head coach Mike Matkovich called it one of the club's all-time most exciting and meaningful victories in the club's 13 year history. "Our young men refused to give-up when they were trailing late in the match," explained Matkovich. "We made a couple adjustments and our boys played with the heart of a lion in those final minutes of the match to the title. I couldn't be prouder of our lads because they played a great tournament over the past five weeks against one top team after another and they've proved they deserve to be recognized as the best team in the nation in their age division this year."

By winning the championship in Rhode Island the Magic boys were honored at the MLS Cup Finals played at the brand new Gillette Stadium on Sunday, Oct 20th before more than 61,000 fans attending the final match between the New England Revolution and the Los Angeles Galaxy. In addition, the Magic boys will receive an all-expenses paid trip next spring to either Barcelona or Madrid for a 9-day training trip with one of the top pro-

fessional soccer clubs in the world.

The Magic had previously won the US National Title with U-16 Boys team in 1999 in the US Youth Soccer Snickers Tournament. Matkovich and the Magic organization had qualified a record three teams this summer in 2002 US Youth Soccer National Championships. The Magic finished with one second-place and two third-places this past summer at the USYSA National Finals in Germantown, Maryland.

Hamfesters monthly meeting

The Hamfesters monthly meeting will be held on Nov. 1st 2002, at the Crestwood Community Center, located at 14025 Kostner Ave. in Crestwood, IL. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end around 9:00 p.m. all are welcome to attend.

This month's meeting will consist of Wayne (W9BBB) testing and inspecting any Ham radio related equipment you would like checked out.

Anyone wishing to bring equipment in to be looked at is more than welcome to do so. Also, at this month's meeting we will be voting on persons nominated to serve on the 2003 Hamfester board of directors. During the meeting there will be refreshments served and you will be able to converse with many Amateur Radio Operators who attend these meetings regularly, and find out what Amateur Radio is all about. For more information about the club, visit or call KB9ZRM Kelly Harris (Press Editor) at (708) 339-4133.

Vegetables with a pazzazz

If your vegetable garden lacks excitement, liven up those rows by adding produce with pazzazz. The 2003 Old Farmer's Almanac suggests a few unique varieties for turning a common garden into a living (and healthy) work of art.


1) Striped Tomatoes: Green Zebra Tomatoes are

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2) White Eggplants: 'Snowy', 'White Egg', 'Osterei' Picture an eggplant, and a dark-purple vegetable will probably come to mind. Yet "egg" plant is so named because some early types were white. Today, authentic-looking versions of the fruit have a gourmet mystique.

3) Yellow Cucumbers: 'Lemon Apple', 'Lemon' Here's a weird but wonderful variation on a classic summer vegetable. Strong vines bear round or lemon-shaped yellow fruits with a mild pleasant cucumber flavor. Although they seem new and refreshing, these are actually heirloom varieties that your great-grandmother may have planted.

4) Miniature Cabbages: 'Baby Head', 'Arrowhead' These diminutive cabbages are about half the girth of a normal cabbage, thus taking up less space in the garden.



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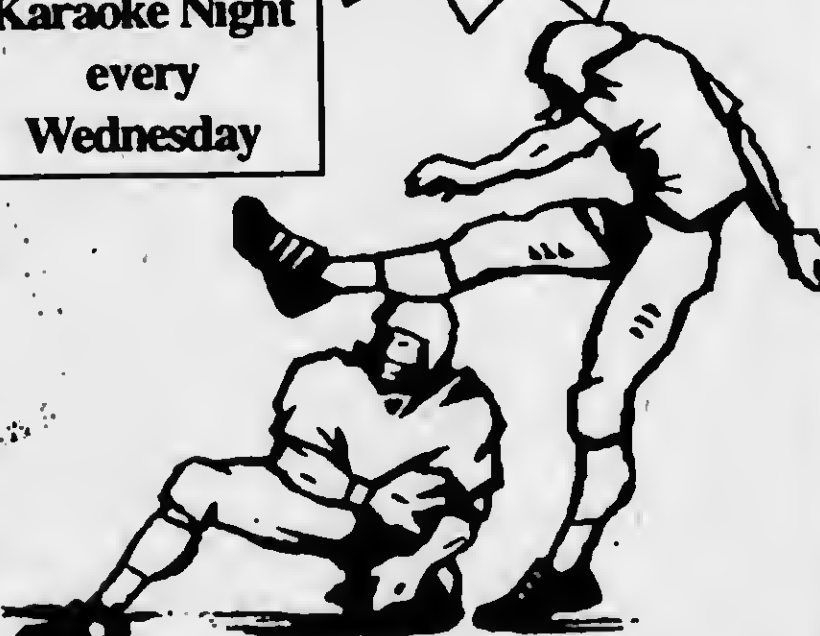
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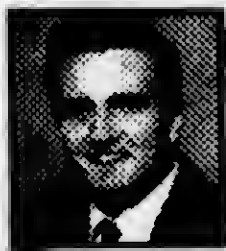
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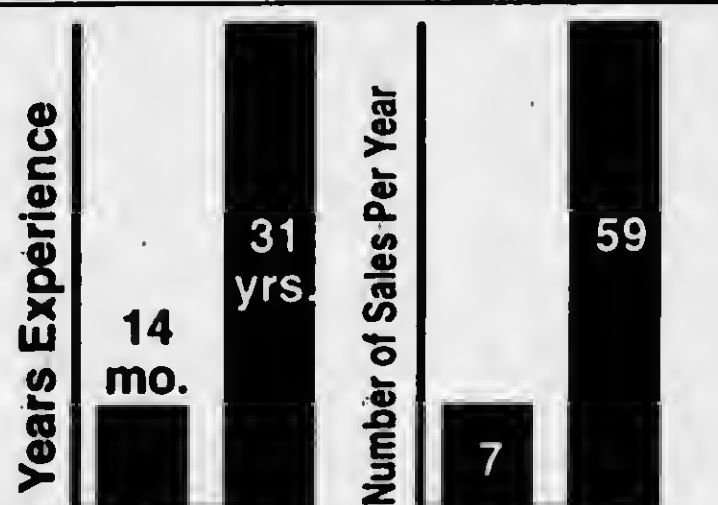


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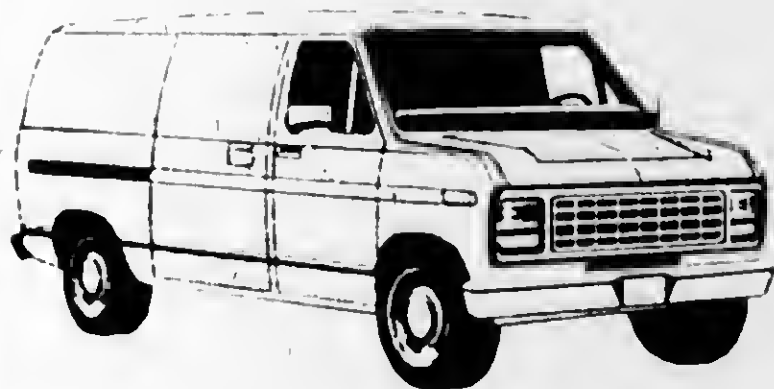
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Tinley Park receives AA rating from Standard Pores

By Jude Coyle

The Tinley Park Village Board voted to levy the 2002 property taxes at the October 22 Board Meeting. Trustee Patrick Rea discussed the process. "We set our own property tax cap in 1971." Residents of Tinley Park should never pay more than \$1.21 to the Village for every \$1,000 assessed tax valuation per property. "We kept within that goal except in '77 or '78 when interest rates were 17% to 21%," Trustee Rea continued. This year, Tinley Park will receive \$1.18 per \$1000 assessed value, which is a 7% decrease. Next year Trustee Rea expects to drop the rate to \$1.10.

Where Tinley Park keeps their portion of property taxes low, the area has a high 'overlapping debt.' In other words, money for Cook or Will Counties, school districts, mosquito abatement, etc. also come from property taxes.

"Tinley Park's debt is minor," Trustee Rea explained. "We are a modest community, dealing in sound fiscal responsibility... This speaks well of our colleagues (the Board) and residents."

Tinley Park, Trustee Rea explained, has received an AA financial rating from Standard and Pores. The only higher rating possible is AAA, and only ten municipalities in Illinois hold that financial rating.

Financial Advisor R. V. Noreen asked the Board to pass an ordinance authorizing the sale of \$3,505,000 of general obligation bonds. Royal Dane Bank of Canada is

offering the Village 3.56% interest on the purchase. Funds would be used to pay off 1993 and 1996 general obligation bonds. The lower interest rate will save the Village \$260,000 over the life of the bonds. A balance of \$53,000 will be used as a reserve. The Board agreed to the sale.

The Board took the first step necessary to establish a tax increment-financing district, or TIF. Ordinance # 2002-0-066 established a registry of interested parties. That includes people whose homes or businesses are located in or near the TIF or has another interest in TIF issues.

The TIF will take in both sides of Oak Park from Fountain Square Spa to the office condominiums, including Central School and Fulton Club. Mostly commercial and a few residential properties line that route.

The purpose of a TIF is to use part of the property taxes paid within its borders to build or refurbish the infrastructure, which means curbs, streets, sewers, etc. A TIF lasts a maximum of 23 years. It is meant to encourage commercial or industrial development. Village Board members were quick to point out that this will not cause an increase in property taxes.

John Milosovic, a resident of 26 years, addressed the Board. He said that he, his wife and child have not lived in their home since January. It is infested with power post beetles. The source of the infestations is imported mahogany used as trim

when the home was built in the summer of 2000.

Mr. Milosovic first noticed pinpricks and small piles of saw dust in the woodwork in two rooms in March 2001. That's where the beetles are boring into the wood. He contacted the builder then, and those rooms were treated and the wood replaced.

It reoccurred in January of this year. He has tried to contact the builder and suppliers again, but with no success. "We've contacted Purdue University, and we've hired an entomologist," Mr. Milosovic said.

Experts determined that the likely source the mill where the trim was cut. Because they were brought in during the construction, damages are not covered by homeowners insurance. Damage estimates range near \$50,000. Carpenters had removed trim, baseboards and doorframes. The beetles were found in every room but two. If allowed to continue, the structural integrity of the house is threatened.

Mr. Milosovic asked the Board for help. "We're at a standstill," he said. He has hired an attorney, but has heard nothing yet.

Asked if he knows of others in his subdivision suffering from the same problems, Mr. Milosovic said no. He was one of the few residents who did not upgrade from mahogany trim to oak.

Mayor Edward Zabrocki promised to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Milosovic after the meeting.



Governor George H. Ryan had a marching unit in the Annual Columbus Day Parade sponsored by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans. The Governor commended the JCCIA for promoting their rich Italian heritage and culture. Pictured from left to right: Richard Watson, Joe Gentile, Deanna Pierott, Aurelia Pucinski, Ugo Fiore, Angela Erdei, John Plammer, Stanley Volkovsky and Nuccio Francione

Orland Park Highlights

by Jude Coyle

Bill Smith, Spelling Master, addressed the Orland Park Village Board on October 21 concerning the upcoming Orland Open Spelling Bee. According to Mr. Smith, spelling bees are an event most people participate in in grade school. This spelling bee, a 24 year tradition, is open to young and old alike. In fact, Mr. Smith said that last year there were 7 families represented by three generations, and 9 families represented by two generations. Last year's winner, Bob Allen, is third place winner's, Nancy Allen, husband. Kathleen Foley has won 6 of the last nine competitions. This is not only an Orland tradition, but also a family tradition. This year's competition is scheduled for November 17th, at the Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 S. Wolf Road, at 2 PM. The Orland Open Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Village of Orland Park and the Orland Park Presbyterian Church.

Mayor Daniel McLaughlin took note of the event, saying that even though Orland Park continues to grow, events like this helps to maintain the small town feel that he values.

Mayor McLaughlin then

presented a Recognition of Service Award to Reverend Walter Ledigar. The Reverend, Mayor McLaughlin explained, is one of the first members of the Civic Center Board, and Chaplain of the Police and Fire Departments. After so many years, Reverend Ledigar is retiring and has moved away. "You made the Village a little better place to live," Mayor McLaughlin said.

Reverend Ledigar responded, "I moved away, but my heart is still here. I believe I got more out of my service than I gave... We all do only what the Lord calls us to do."

An ordinance was passed amending Village code, Title 5, Chapter 4, of the Orland Park Plumbing Code. The ordinance requires that all new underground automatic sprinkler systems are required to have a rain detection device. Trustee O'Halleran read a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources. After reading an article in the Daily Southtown concerning the Village's proposal to pass this ordinance, Daniel A. Injerd, Chief, Lake Michigan Management Section, wrote Mayor McLaughlin to con-

gratulate him and the Village for their far sighted and unique view on water conservation.

A move was made to approve appropriate yellow striping on Silo Ridge East, east from the silo structure, and down the hill to Windmill. Another move was made to waive the bid process and purchase a light tower from Ingersoll-Rand Equipment & Services of Villa Park. The tower would extend 30 feet into the air, and would use 4,000 watt bulbs. The cost would not exceed \$7,243.00. Another move was made to again waive the bidding process, and purchase holiday decorations from Bright Ideas, Inc. of New Lenox. The decorations would be used on Ravinia Avenue and at the Village Complex. The cost would not exceed \$30,000, and that would include installation and storage. All three moves were approved.

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Worth receives grant for Fire Department

By Jude Coyle

The Worth Village Board Meeting of October 15, 2002 opened with a presentation. Board President Ed Guzdzioł announced that through the efforts of Trustee Mary Rhein and State Representative Anne Zickus, the Village was able to secure desperately needed grant money. Although only a small portion of Worth is within her district, Representative Zickus said, "I appreciate this opportunity to bring our hard earned tax dollars to our community."

The money, \$145,000 will be used by the Fire Department. The bulk, \$105,000, will be set aside to purchase a new pumper. The truck costs approximately \$220,000. Worth has two now, but one needs to be replaced. The remainder of the money, \$40,000, will go to purchase two items. First is an Opticom system for the Village's stop lights. This is an electronic system that turns lights from red to green when it senses approaching emergency vehicles. The other item is an extraction tool commonly known as 'the jaws of life.'

Police Chief Patrick O'Connor asked for permission to hire a traffic aide. The aide would be stationed at the corner of 111th and Depot during rush hours. The position will pay \$15 per hour. Because it is part-time, there would be no overtime or benefits. This person will be used solely to direct traffic. Cars coming from the parking lots on Depot will only be allowed to drive south to 111th. With a traffic aide, vehicles will proceed at a faster pace without causing the backups on Crandall and Oak Park that now exist. The aide will be aide from a fund set up by Metra. This item was passed with the Consent Agenda.

Two business license applications raised questions. First, S&S Auto Sales and Detailing Inc., of 6500 W. 111th Street, the owners asked to be allowed to sell automobiles from their lot. The cars, no more than 3 at a time, would be pre-ordered. Most repair and detailing work would be assigned from dealers, and not off the street. Three Zoning Board members were in the audience that night. Opinions and memories varied. One remember

the discussion concerning the sale of cars, one did not. Another member said that she worked for a large dealership and had worked very closely with the owner of S&S. She found him honest and easy to work with. At the end of the meeting, the Board agreed to grant S&S a business license.

The other business license application came from El Ameer Bakery & Sweets, Inc., 11142 S. Harlem. The owners of El Ameer also own a restaurant of the same name. Building Commissioner Bruce Zartler objected. He had issued several citations to the owners of the restaurant. He said he wanted to end one problem before a new one began. The day before, he said, he was called by a neighbor of El Ameer Restaurant because someone was washing trash cans in the alley and allowing the water to run into the neighbor's yard. Last Sunday, Zartler said, garbage receptacles were left open. There were food containers left out, and raccoons were digging through the mess. He and the health inspector had passed their back door many times

and pushed it shut. Last time he saw a ladder, burnt food, tin bowls, a squeegee and several bottles. He wasn't sure what was in the bottles because the labels were in another language.

Trustee John O'Connell asked that the item be removed from the consent agenda. Asked what further could be done to clean up the existing problem, a suggestion was made that when the next citation was issued, one should be issued to the company, Philips Management, who hold El Ameer's lease.

Building Commissioner Zartler asked that an item be included in the consent agenda that would instruct the attorney to draw up an ordinance establishing housing court in Worth. This would be modeled after courts in other towns, where P tickets, or minor infractions of Village codes would be heard. Zartler has pressed for this because of his experiences in Bridgeview, and judges more concerned with criminal cases. When a complaint comes before a judge about not shoveling snow, or allowing grass to grow above 8 inches, the judge would ask

if that person is in compliance on that day. Finding that he was, the judge would dismiss the case. Zartler feels that nothing is accomplished in this manner. Residents are ignoring him and Health Commissioner Donna Everette. When the effects of the West Nile virus was felt the most, he was ignored when he demanded that resident dump standing water or empty pools of green water where mosquitoes breed. He feels that if P tickets are heard in Worth, that the charges would be taken more seriously. "I'm not looking to wrack up money for the Village," Commissioner Zartler said. "I'm looking for compliance." This also passed with the consent agenda.

Trustee Werner reported the need to improve the rest rooms at the recreation fields. Presently, he said, there are no screens or walls separating the toilets and urinals, making the building virtually unusable. He would like to see either concession facilities added to the building or vending machines installed. He asked if some of the operating profits from the boat launch could be used for this

purpose. Questions arose as to whether this fell within the bounds of an ordinance written a year earlier which stated that the profits from the boat launch would be used to pay off bonds. Attorney W. Grant Farrar agreed to look up the ordinance during the break. Later he reported that indeed, payment taken from the launch proceeds could be used for upkeep and improvements.

A discussion followed concerning the Park Board using some of the remaining MWRD land. They would like to build a skate park, with cement base, ice in the winter, and hopefully later add sand volleyball courts. Trustee Werner sent a letter to MWRD about the proposal, and promises to work with the Park Board once an answer is received.

able," he added. Sweeney and his wife rebuked McGrogan's statement by saying that six-figure maintenance bond will not be enough to cover the necessary repairs. After that point, the mayor hit the podium for order.

Mrs. Podewell, who lives near 125th and Harlem, expressed bewilderment on why certain signs were removed in certain areas and others left untouched.

"Everything was going fine and all of a sudden there was no one there and it didn't dawn on me that signs would have been taken because they have never been taken before," she said. Podewell asked if there are a selective number of homeowners who are not being allowed to leave their signs up.

Alderman Clifford suggested that copies of certain ordinances need to be attached to building permits so they are fully understood.

Westgate residents strike back against city

By Kevin Plienis

Profound anger and complaints filled the chamber of the Palos Heights City Council Meeting on October 15. Accusations of the city removing "House For Sale" and "Garage Sale" signs along with not paying attention to street failure problems were some of the high points of concern by residents.

One Westgate resident, Rose Solecki, explained that she and her husband bought

"For Sale" signs to attract potential buyers to their home. She received approval from other owners nearby to place signs on their private property but not on an easement.

"Palos Heights Code Enforcement Officer Cal Bouma has repeatedly removed these 'House for Sale' signs even though the signs were on private property," explained Solecki.

According to Solecki, Cal Bouma came to their home one morning and was "extremely rude."

Solecki said that while Bouma was taking down her signs other "house for sale" and "garage sale" signs were everywhere including easements which are illegal in Palos Heights. "This is more than selective code enforcement, it's harassment," said Solecki.

Alderman Clifford spoke with Bouma to rectify the issue. "I did talk to Cal and came to an agreement where to place them," said Clifford. Solecki was able to proceed with the sale of her house.

She stated again that her signs were "not on easements" in the first place.

Resident Tom Sweeney vehemently expressed his disapproval of the acceptance of the \$139,685.12 maintenance bond for the Westgate Valley Estates.

This was passed at the last meeting which Sweeney was also present.

Westgate resident Brian Zvokel presented photos which illustrated how the street is dropping an inch and three quarters. "The sewers

are higher than the curbs, water is not flowing properly," said Zvokel.

Mayor Straz responded by saying that these problems are common in subdivisions and will be corrected.

Alderman Mike McGrogan explained that any developer has to post a maintenance bond that stays with property to cover things such as streets sinking or curb repairs.

"That bond is in the city of Palos Heights, so things are coming up that the first gentleman (resident Brian Zvokel) pointed out," explained Alderman McGrogan. "We do have the funds avail-

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Children's Museum in Oak Scout earns Lawn to open soon eagle rank

by Annette Dixon

Dr. Sulman, pediatrician from Hope Hospital said it all, "we cannot have healthy children unless we educate them and the Oak Lawn Children's Museum is the first step for better health for children emotionally and physically.

He more over announced the sponsorship of Advocate Hope Hospital. They are sponsoring an exhibit. Dr. Sulman also donated his own personal finances to the Oak Lawn Children's Museum.

Patrick O'Malley stated, "within the ten years he served in the senate, the most impressionable idea that he heard was when Carol Marsh was introducing her ideas about the Oak Lawn Children's Museum and approached state representative, Jim Brosnahan and myself for assistance. We supported the museum with \$50,000 of Illinois funding to help make it a reality."

The Tree House Gang are people who have contributed \$1000 or more. Included in this category are:

Jim Buschbach, Buschbach Ins., Oak Lawn Park District Oak Lawn Lions, Oak Lawn Bank, Linda and Bob Streit, Oak Lawn Hilton, Ron and Sue Rescigno, Atlantic Press, Ozinga, Bill and Bob Hawkinson, Prospect Federal Savings, Oak Lawn Garden Club, Oak Lawn Rotary Club, Geno Decorating, and the many individual donors all contributing on a daily basis.

To date, \$190,000 was contributed over and above the \$100,000 federal grant Congressman Lipinski acquired.

The good news is that the children will benefit from all the hard work and donations that have been taking place for the past two years.

And to think, just one person with a big heart and a great idea was able to accomplish all of this. Carol Marsh first came up with this idea more than two years ago. I remember sitting with her at my kitchen table and pleading with her to please start this museum in Oak Lawn. Hopefully, I was not leading her down the dark path of defeat. Oak Lawn

take pride in supporting programs for children. I knew if she selected the leaders within the community as her board of directors, they would further her goals and take it to where it is today.

Carol Marsh and supporters personally thank those who first saw the insight for a better Oak Lawn for the children of Oak Lawn. It is through the eyes and hands of the future generations, that will bring the Carol Marsh's into our community. It is time to bring the focus back to the children of Oak Lawn. "Now is time for all good men to come to the aid of the children and bring this museum to fruition.

Your tax deductible gift will help renovate our facility and build the "iron-tough" exhibits needed to facilitate our children and grandchildren. Sponsors are need for five more exhibits. To become a member of the Tree House Gang, contact Ron Rescigno at 708-233-1712, ext. 105 or call The Children's Museum at 708-423-6709. All monetary gifts are extremely needed.

Shop and share at Jewel

Shop and Share Days at Jewel Food Store to benefit the First United Church of Evergreen Park are scheduled for Nov. 18, 19, and 20th. Shopping certificates to be used at the check-out are available at the church. The rebate given be Jewel will be used to fund mission projects from the Rainbow Covenant. Call the church at (708) 422-8451 from more information.

Scout earns eagle rank

Todd Suhs of Oak Lawn has become the 8th Scout from Boy Scout Troop 618 to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 618 sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church has been in existence since 1993.

Suhs began his Scouting career with Pack 3473 at Covington School and became a Boy Scout in 1998. On his trail to Eagle, Suhs has earned the required number of merit badges, held various leadership

positions, and participated in troop activities including attending Owasappie summer camp in Michigan and the 2001 National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, Virginia. For his Eagle project Suhs sponsored a youth concert at First United Methodist Church, with a food donation as the admission price. Over 300 pounds of food was collected and donated as the admission price. Over 300 pounds of food was collected and donated to the food pantry operating from Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ. Suhs currently is a sophomore at Oak Lawn Community High School where he is also active

in forensics, the chess club, and a brass player for the local band "The Destroyers".

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Oak Lawn home owner denied new fence despite mistake

By Kevin Plienis

The Zavala family was out of town on vacation while construction of their fence was left in the hands of workmen. The wrought iron fence was not supposed to exceed six feet, according to the ordinance by the village of Oak Lawn.

The workmen did not know this and proceeded to build that fence similar to the one surrounding the property at 10301 S. Trip. The masonry pillars are the only portions of the Zavala's fence that exceeds the six feet. However, their request to keep the completed fence was denied by the Oak Lawn Village Board on November 12.

The fence surrounding the Zavala's property is located at 10304 S. Keeler.

Alicja G. Plonka, the attorney for the Zavala's presented their appeal before the board.

"Because of the sloping and grading of the property the contractor attempted to make the posts (columns) level and in doing so he exceeded the height on several

of them and I believe it's as high as seven feet," said Plonka.

The contractor was previously told not to make the same mistake again but Plonka explained Jorge Zavala was not aware of it because he was out of town.

"The intention was not to ignore the ordinance or do anything that would be in any way unsightly or detract from the presentation of the property or the property value," said Plonka.

Photos of other fences nearby which exceed the six feet were shown by the attorney to the board. "A couple of others there were already up and my client would be penalized where these fences are not complying either," explained Plonka.

Members of the board including trustees Joy, Keane, Rosenbaum and Stancik did not show any signs of negotiating this matter.

Trustee Joy said that they were told "twice" not to build it. Trustee Keane explained that other homeowners had to stop building their fences also to be in compliance with

the ordinance.

"I think there's a piece of selective hearing here on a lot of people's parts," said trustee Stancik.

"That's the problem I think that we have and the appeals board have and to be honest we're not stupid people," said Stancik.

According to John Popp, the Zavala's builder, the variation of the brick pillars would not only enhance the aesthetic view of the property but would also allow privacy from traffic with the current widening of 103rd Street.

Prior to the fence being constructed, Jorge Zavala invested over \$600,000 into this newly constructed home. This is the Zavala's second home in Oak Lawn prior to living at 108th and Trip for the past fifteen years.

Mayor Kolb said that the fence is appealing but the posts have to be lowered.

"I don't want you to feel bad about it because you're the owner and it shouldn't have happened," said Kolb.



Pictured celebrating on Nov. 7th 2002 are Mayor Ernest Kolb, Founder Carol Marsh, not pictured, Steve Loulousis, and Darlene Blanz, 1st row Senator Ed Maloney and Cathy Cepican

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Vanities shows popularity does not guarantee happiness

By Kevin Plenis

Mary, Joanne and Kathy were as close as friends could be in their senior year of high school. They were also the most popular and beautiful girls in school but as the years passed their personalities changed and left them different people leading different lifestyles.

"Vanities" was definitely worth seeing as renowned actresses Allison McDonell, Sonia Satra and Heather Tom portrayed these three small town girls in a comical and realistic performance on stage.

"Vanities", directed and produced by John. J. Castonia of J. Cast Productions, was performed November 9-10 at Moraine Valley Community Colleges' Dorothy Menker Theater. This well-known off-Broadway play was written by playwright Jack Heifner and ran for five years in New York. It has been currently touring cities across the country.

The show opens with the actresses getting ready at their vanity tables. The first scene opens up with them in a high school gym in 1963. Kathy, played by Allison McDonell, is the captain of

the cheerleading squad. She is also a great organizer and planner.

"The more different the role the more fun it is to play," said McDonell who played in the former television soap opera "Another World." McDonell also has done numerous regional and off-Broadway plays such as "To Kill A Mockingbird" and a "Sense of Place" where she was voted best actor in the Tampa Bay area by the local paper.

McDonell explained how she loved acting in theater the best.

"There's something about the live experience," said McDonell. "It makes you live in the moment."

Joanne, played by Sonia Satra, has an unforgettable southern accent. Her character is very comical. "She really is in a class of her own," said Satra. "I've never played anyone like her," she said.

"It was a fun character to play and a great challenge," said Satra. Speaking about her character, Sonia said there was not a whole lot of personal growth for Joanne.

Satra acted in the popular television soap operas "Guiding Light" and "One Life to Live."

She has taken a hiatus

from the soap operas for now but gives them respect for all the daily hard work.

"It's a great training ground and fans are amazing," said Satra.

Mary is the live life on the seat of your pants type of girl. Two-time Emmy award Winner and eight-time Emmy award nominee Heather Tom, who is an Oak Park native, said she found similarities between Victoria who she still plays on "The Young & The Restless."

"When you play any character you have to find yourself in the character," said Heather. Playing Mary was a lot of fun according to Heather. "She's a kick in the pants," she said.

Instead of an intermission, the actresses return to their vanity tables and change into the next time period in 1968.

The music of the time changes along with them to illustrate a time lapse which leads to the sorority house scene. In this scene, Mary wants to travel Europe and get lost from reality. Joanne wants to marry and start a family. Kathy, who recently was heart-broken by her long-time boyfriend, is not sure what career she wants.

The play fast forwards to the third and final scene in

1974. Kathy invites Joanne and Mary to her garden apartment in New York for a reunion. Unfortunatley, these three long-time friends discover that they no longer have anything in common. Joanne is a content mother and housewife. Mary runs an exotic art gallery. Kathy seems more content and just lets life take its course rather than control it.

Some stunning realizations give the play a soap-opera effect ending but nonetheless adds to the sheer excitement and enjoyment of watching these actresses perform.

The actresses said they would love to swap their characters when they perform "Vanities" the next time. The current "Vanities" cast will most likely stay together for the next tour.

The portrayals of these characters made you feel like you knew them as they transformed over the ten years.

I thought the idea of having them change appearances between scenes was very unique. It not only gave a sense of what actresses go through, but I felt it also added to the morale of what this play was about.

The three definitions of vanity are excessive pride in one's own appearance, emptiness and a dressing table. At the finale, the characters appear content with themselves but I don't think they realize the void of emptiness in each of them. I believe this void was not gaining the happiness of loving someone where in turn, one is loved unconditionally by that someone.

I recommend "Vanities" to everyone who likes comedy and drama combined into an exciting show.

I look forward to seeing the brilliant and mesmerizing performances of Allison McDonell, Sonia Satra and Heather Tom when they return to Chicago.



Village View staff reporter Kevin Plenis strikes a pose with the actresses from "Vanities" performed Nov. 9-10 at Moraine Valley Community Colleges' Dorothy Menker Theater. (From left to right) Allison McDonell, Heather Tom, Kevin Plenis and Sonia Satra.

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Church sues to block destruction of cemetery

St. John's United Church of Christ and two members of its congregation have sued Chicago to prevent it from taking the church's 153-year-old cemetery for the expansion and reconfiguration of O'Hare Airport's runways.

The suit, filed today in DuPage Circuit Court, asserts that Chicago's plan to remove St. Johannes Cemetery violates several Illinois statutes. The cemetery is the final resting place for about 1,300 church members, dating back to 1849. Its most recent interment was a year ago. Family members, including some who have purchased burial plots there, still lovingly maintain it.

Among them is a 78-year-old widow who was baptized, confirmed, married in the church and has purchased a plot next to her husband and an infant child in the cemetery. She believes she has an obligation to protect and care for the consecrated ground where about 25 other relatives are buried. She is a plaintiff along with 69-year-old woman whose grandfather, grandmother, great-grandfather and great-grand-

mother are buried there.

St. John's Church originally existed immediately next to the cemetery, but was forced to move when the original O'Hare was built in the late 1950s. Nonetheless, the church still actively maintains the cemetery, and considers it consecrated ground.

The suit points out that Illinois law prohibits the removal of cemeteries without the "assent" of the cemetery's owners or trustees. St. John's Board of Directors and the St. Johannes Cemetery Committee, which are the legal caretakers, have refused to assent.

The suit also charges that the removal of the cemetery would substantially burden the church member's exercise of religion which is allowed under Illinois law only if Chicago demonstrates a "compelling governmental interest" and the relocation is "the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling interest." The suit asserts that Chicago has failed to meet either of those tests.

Finally, the removal of the cemetery would violate the Illinois Aeronautics Act, which forbids an alternation or expansion of an airport without a certificate of approval issued by the state of Illinois. Under that certification process, St. John's has standing to contest that certification, but Chicago has not sought such certification, and has indicated that it may not. The removal of the cemetery without any such certification would be unlawful.

Loyola offers Cystic Fibrosis service for children

Children with cystic fibrosis can breathe more easily knowing they have long-term benefits when they are treated at the Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center of Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center, one of the centers nationally accredited by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Some young patients with cystic fibrosis will eventually need a lung transplant, noted Dr. Youngran Chung, pediatric pulmonologist and medical director of the pediatric cystic fibrosis center. "The continuity in medical care we provide—is extremely important for the children we treat because of the close relationship they will have developed over time with the medical staff. This familiarity with their environment would help to increase their comfort level and to reduce stress, which could ultimately have a positive impact on their recovery."



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Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disease that causes the mucus lining the surfaces of internal organs to become thick, dry and sticky. A child must inherit two defective genes one from each parent to get the illness. The condition affects several functions in the body—mostly the respiratory and digestive systems. Treatment vary depending on the patient. The core medical staff at Loyola offers a multidisciplinary approach with comprehensive services.

The team includes a pediatric pulmonologist, a pediatric gastroenterologist, a dietitian, a respiratory therapist, a social worker and a nurse coordinator who treats both adults and children. The Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center also includes a net-

work of primary care physicians with pediatric specialty, which allows young patients to remain with the same primary care physician throughout the treatment process.

According to Chung, a medical history and a physical exam are the first steps to diagnose the condition. Other tests may be conducted as part of the diagnosis, including the sweat test - considered the gold standard for diagnosis - which consists of a patch that is placed in the child's arm to measure the level of chloride in the patient's sweat. Symptoms of the condition include persistent respiratory infection such as pneumonia, chronic cough, salty taste on the skin and poor growth. Most of the cases are diagnosed during childhood. Prenatal diagnosis also can occur. A positive family history of cystic fibro-

sis may indicate increased risk. Such respiratory medical advances include:

1) Antibiotics - orally inhaled or intravenously, to help control or prevent lung infections

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The Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents William Shakespeare's most politically driven play, Julius Caesar, with Artistic Director Barbara Gaines at the helm of her 30th Shakespeare production for the Theater. Performances begin Dec. 7 and are scheduled to run through Feb. 23.

In this tragedy of political conflict, Julius Caesar is a story of friendship, betrayal, and the collision of personal ambition. Fearing that people will make him their king, a group of Rome's most powerful senators conspire to kill Caesar. Motivated by personal need as well as political ideology, they plot Caesar's murder to assure that no one man's power be absolute. Julius Caesar is a play about the limits of power, the insidious corruption of power, and the attempt of a civilization to justly govern itself.

Ticket prices are \$38 for preview performances, \$48 for regular Tuesday through Thursday performances, and \$58 for regular performances Friday through Sunday. For more information about performances or events at Chi-

cago Shakespeare Theater and to purchase tickets, call the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office at (312) 595-5600 or visit the Theater's website at www.chicagoshakes.com.

Re/Max Northern Illinois inaugurates holiday toy drive

The 140 offices of the Re/Max Northern Illinois network are teaming up to brighten the holidays for infants, children and teens at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago by inaugurating a region-wide toy drive. The public is encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys to their nearest Re/Max office before Dec. 12. More information about the toy drive, including suggestions for the types of gifts and toys to donate and locations of Re/Max offices across Northern Illinois, is available at the Re/Max regional website remaxnorthernillinois.com.

The toy drive, which Re/Max plans to establish as an annual effort, represents the

latest step in its continuing support for Children's Memorial through the Children's Miracle Network. Re/Max Northern Illinois is the third largest corporate benefactor of the hospital, which provides world-class care to children regardless of the financial status of their families.

"The holidays hold a special meaning for children everywhere, and it is an especially difficult time for those children who cannot fully participate in the festivities because they are hospitalized due to illness or injury," said George Graff, president and regional director of Re/Max Northern Illinois.

"When we learned that Children's Memorial has a substantial need for toys and other gifts at this time of year, we felt it was a great opportunity for us to help. We have so many offices that can be drop-off points for toy donations. I know many of our agents and administrative staff will support the drive by providing toys and helping deliver the gifts to the hospital."

Re/Max is the exclusive real estate sponsor of the Children's Miracle Network and is its second largest corporate sponsor. To date, Re/Max has raised more than \$38 million for CMN and its 170 association hospitals throughout the United States and Canada. All funds raised

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Monetary donations can be mailed to Accurate Performing, 3636 S. Kedzie, Chicago, IL, attention Georgene.

WGN radio personalities at Moraine

Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater will set the stage for the appearance of WGN-AM radio personalities Kathy O'Malley and Judy Markey on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. The Dorothy Menker Theater is located on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Kick off your holiday season with your favorite girl-

friend from WGN-AM radio as the girls bring their wit to the stage as part of the Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center Spotlight Season. Kathy and Judy will help bring some levity to the sometimes-stressful holidays - and for the first time ever, they'll mix in a live performance of "merry Medical Christmas."

Kathy and Judy host their own WGN-AM radio show weekday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The women, friend off the air as well, have co-hosted the show for 13 years. They competed as journalists before making their first on-air appearance together in 1989.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$23 for student and seniors. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 handling charge. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500, or visit Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center Spotlight Season page on the Web at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac/spotlight.htm.

Christmas hits the Fool

The Noble Fool Theater, 16 W. Randolph Street, rings in the holiday season with Roasting Chestnuts: Oy! It's Christmas, in a one-month engagement Nov. 29 to Dec. 29. Nothing is sacred as the Noble Fools roast the holidays with a revue of songs, dance and yuletide antics with Anti-Clause and Chico and, of course, the star of the night: the fabulous Gina Oswald (a.k.a. Patricia Musker). This holiday season, Gina Oswald repays an old debt to the comedy team, "Sam and Max," that gave her her big break in the Catskills, by including them in her holiday spectacle. Laugh as they skewer Andy Williams-esque Christmas specials, the Sing-along Messiah, The Rockettes, and other traditional "Chestnuts." Single tickets are priced at \$32 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances, and \$36 for Friday and Saturdays. (Tickets are priced at \$27 and \$31 for previews.) Tickets can be purchased through the Noble Fool Box Office; by calling (312) 726-1156; at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers; or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.



Little Company

Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary held its eighth annual Holiday House Walk on Saturday, Oct. 5 which featured five homes in the Beverly area. It was a

perfect fall day for the House Walk.

This year's House Walk was Chaired by Sandie Doherty and Co-chaired Carrie Kelley who walked us to a very successful event raising nearly \$7,000. Over 400 that beautiful Saturday afternoon. The Proceeds from the successful event will benefit programs and services at

participants showed up to support LCMH Auxiliary on Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. Thanks to the homeowners, florists, committee members, and volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to assist in many ways.

Santa Claus is coming to Oak Lawn

Santa Claus is coming to the Oak Lawn Village Green! Santa will be escorted to the beautifully decorated Gazebo by dressed up police and fire vehicles on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m. Bring your camera for pictures of the chil-

dren reciting their wish lists for Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. The Oak Lawn Special Events Commission invites Oak Lawn residents to enjoy cocoa and cookies and join the singing Christmas Carols while waiting to visit with Santa. The Christmas tree in front of the Municipal Center will be lit between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. For more information, call the Clerk's Office at 499-7738

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Conrady Band: takes first place and plays at Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame

For the first time in ten years, the Conrady J.R. High, symphonic Band, led by Sue Clemons, achieved first place ratings in both the public and catholic regional competition. On an early Saturday morning, the 75 or so student band members, and the parent volunteers, traveled to Mattson, IL for their first competition.

After, a fantastic performance, achieving a first place rating, they loaded back on the busses for an hour ride back to, compete in the catholic bandleader competition being held at St. Laurence H.S. in Burbank. The weather was terrible that day. When they arrived they found that about half of the lights in the school were not working due to the weather. Even though the band had to perform partly in the dark, they again surpassed all obstacles, and were awarded a first place rating, again!

This is an honor, considering that the schools band teacher Sue Clemons was just hired by district 117 only three short years ago. Great Job!!!

A Big congratulations go out to all of the band members. There hard work and the many hours paid off when they were awarded their first places trophies. Finally, thank you to all the parents for continuing to

support and encourage the students, not to give up but to continue to do there best.

After achieving first place ratings in both public and catholic regional competition, last month, the Conrady symphonic band on, April 27, competed, and was awarded first place in state competition.

While the school was still celebrating their first place in regional competition, their bandleader, Sue Clemons, was focusing on the upcoming state competition.

She didn't want the band to loose their readiness. With regular rehearsals, she keep the band sharp and tight, as they reviewed their musical selections they would perform at the state competition. As the date drew closer, the tension grew, but the members were calm and ready. On a cold and rainy Saturday afternoon, they loaded their busses, off to Christian High School in Palos Heights, IL. They performed perfectly! After the performance they awaited the judge's decision. When Sue Clemons made the announcement, "First Place," they all gave out a big cheer. On May 9th, 60 members of the band began a three -day tour. Their first stop was Cleveland, where they put on a great performance at the Rock n Roll

Hall of Fame. They preformed many songs such as, Disney's Under the Sea, Evil Ways, Peter Gun, and Jump-Jive and wail. Such a great accomplishment this was. Especially playing among all the great musicians being honored there. They next traveled to Sandusky, Ohio where they took a ferryboat across the bay on Lake Erie to visit Putin Island. The third day they had a fun time at Cedar Point amusement park. After all of this four days later, they preformed an evening concert at their school, for their families. (These kids can't stop) All year long, the band members worked very hard for all of this, not only with their music, but also raising money with a candy drive, and a car wash. I'm sure that in the future they will reminisce of their adventures together. As the eighth graders graduate and move on to Stagg H.S. They can always be proud to have been a part the Conrady Band. We are all very proud of the musicians. We thank Sue Clemons for doing such a great job with our kids. Thank you, to Mr. Lutz, (school principal)



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The Strait Southern Band at Willowbrook

Singles, couples and dancers of all ages are invited to country line dance with a boot-scootin' country western band called, "The Strait Southern Band" at 7:30 p.m. till midnight Saturday, Nov. 23; at Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave, Willow Springs.

Strait Southern was formed in 1980 and consists of consists of Steve Reynolds on rhythm guitar, banjo and vocals; John Gomolka on bass and vocals; Paul White on drums and vocals; Steven Reynolds on lead guitar and vocals. All four members of Strait Southern began playing music at a very young age and are also accomplished vocalists who sing lead and harmony.

Rich in instrumental and vocal talent, Strait Southern plays a wide variety of songs, which represent the past fifty years in country music. Performing original material, classic country, and many of today's hottest chart topping hits, their sound has given them the opportunity to share the stage with recording artists such as Marshall Tucker Band, Crystal Gayle, Ricky Skaggs, Tom T. Hall, Roddy McDowell, Asleep At The Wheel, and many others.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; lessons with instructors take place from 7:30 - 8 p.m. Dancing begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. For more information call (708) 839-1000.

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News from Oak Lawn Public Library

The Oak Lawn public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., is sponsoring a "Toys for Tots" campaign Monday, November 25 through Monday, Dec. 23. Donations will be accepted in collection barrels near their Cook Ave. Holiday display. Patrons are asked to give gifts for children of all ages, up to age 12. Toys should be unwrapped so that they may be sorted according to age and gender. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

The library continues to collect used eyeglasses for VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity), a non-profit organization of optometrists who travel to underdeveloped countries to provide free eye exams and eyeglasses in poverty-stricken areas. Donations are accepted in a collection box kept in the library's lobby, year-around. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708) 422-4990.

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library trip to several festive holiday destinations in downtown Chicago on Friday, Dec. 6. See the magic of the holidays come alive at Navy Pier's "Come Home for the Holidays" celebration. Stop by Marshall Field's for a store tour, shopping and dinner in the Walnut Room. Visit Lincoln Park Zoo's "Lights Festival" and then take a driving tour of the "Magnificent Mile Lights Festival." The motorcoach departs at 1 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m. The cost is \$60 for friends members and \$65 for others. To purchase tickets, call (708) 509-8566.

20th annual food drive

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John Dickson at The Gossip Café

By Jude Coyle

The Gossip Café, 12947 S. Western in Blue Island is fast becoming a hang out for the South Suburban intelligencia, and those of us who like to think we are. I spent last Wednesday night there, sitting at an old table, surrounded by old chairs, chess boards and antiques; while sipping coffee and listening to poetry.

That night a number of individuals shared verses about life, love and loneliness, and then stepped aside. John Dickson had come all the way from Evanston to read from his new book *Lake Michigan Scrolls*.

My knowledge of modern poets and their work is extremely limited, and I think I expected long monologues about today's evils. Instead I laughed with the rest of the audience about how Dickson mistook a Laundromat for a nightclub, and his description to the days he 'murdered,' by watching TV or lying on the beach. I 'murdered' a few myself. Yes, I could definitely relate.

During a break in the readings, publisher David Hernandez of Puddin'head Press sold copies of *Lake Michigan Scrolls*. "This is John's fourth book," David said. "The first of his that I published." He completed a sale, passing along a book for a saw-buck, before he launched into another topic. "It's been two years since Gwendolyn Brooks passed. She was Illinois's last Poet Laureate. She was good. Could really get her point across." Dave

sold another book and directed his customer to John Dickson's table for an autograph. "John is one of the most recognized poets in Illinois. A lot of us would like to see him appointed Poet Laureate."

The night wore on. John shared a few more laughs and a few more insights. Then we said good night until next month.

The Gossip Café has been hosting poetry night on the third Wednesday each month since June. According to Lawrence Tyler, another of Puddin'head Press's poets, a few of the regulars used to meet at the Borders in Beverly on 95th Street. But then the bookstore started scheduling other events during their regular meeting night. So one of the members suggested The Gossip Café. "Sandy (one of the owners) said sure, we'll schedule a night for you," Lawrence explained. "It's really catching on."

The last Friday each month is Writers Reading night at the Gossip Café. Every Thursday is Trivia Night, and Friday is open mic night. They're closed Sundays and Mondays.

John Dickson's book *Lake Michigan Scrolls* is \$10, and available at Amazon.com and several

this prestigious award," says Maddie Kelly, director. "It is a wonderful feeling to have our quality programming recognized in this way."

Junior Broadway Theatre Camp—a five-week summer camp—allowed its 85 young participants to experience all aspects of a Broadway musical, while they improved their individual singing, dancing and acting skills. The camp culminated in a four-show production of *The Music Man, Jr.* in July.

The musical was held on a professional stage, with professional sound, lighting and costuming. Instructors, choreographers, set designers, directors and producers were all from the park district's critically acclaimed adult theatre program.

The Oak Lawn Park District will be recognized for the program at the IPRA's annual convention, held in Chicago in January. In 2001, the park district received an Outstanding Program Award for its Picnics in the Park program.

Borders Book Stores. Chicagopoetry.com provides a list of poetry readings in the Chicago area. The Gossip Café is listed. Anyone who wants to write the Governor about making John Dickson the new Illinois State Poet Laureate can write to:

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Moraine Valley to offer new network class

Moraine Valley Community College is offering a new non-credit networking class entitled "Networking with TCP/IP."

The course will cover the

fundamentals of the TCP/IP protocol suite. Topics will include an Internet overview; OSI Vs. DOD models; TCP/IP architecture and protocols including TCP, UDP, IP, ICMP, FTP, DNS and DHCP; IP-addressing and subnetting; and an introduction to routing concepts. Students will also learn to install and configure TCP/IP, troubleshoot connections among platforms and use TCP/IP networking utilities. Ricky Moore, full-time faculty with the Data Communications department, will be teaching the class. "It will give students the opportunity to build a solid networking foundation before moving on to more advanced classes like Network+, Cisco and

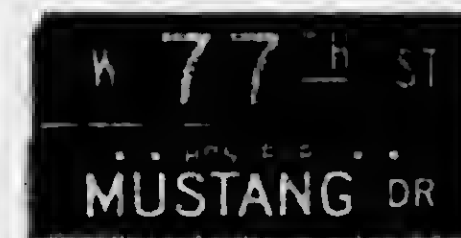
Microsoft classes," Moore said. Classes will meet on Saturdays, beginning December 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for three weeks. The fee for this course is \$475. For information, call Aurora Zwick, instructional coordinator, at (708) 974-5741, or e-mail zwick@morainevalley.edu.

Flutes annual christmas concert

The Flutes Unlimited Annual Christmas Concert will be on Sunday Dec. 8 2002 at 3 p.m. in McGuire Hall at St. Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago. Advance tickets are: \$7 for Adults, \$5 for seniors and children. At the door, tickets are \$8.00 and \$6.00

Flutes Unlimited is a community music ensemble for flutists of all ages. There are three separate ensembles: The Tout Suite Choir for elementary flutists; the Symphonic Choir for intermediate players, and the LTD Choir for advanced flutists. Each ensemble will perform separately as well as playing Christmas favorites together for the Grand Finale. The music director is Annabelle O'Shea. Associate Director is Jodi McLawhorn, and Julie Tandy is the Assistant Music Director. For further information call the Flutes Unlimited office at (708) 425-4078.

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Oak Lawn Award-Winning Theatre

For the second consecutive year, the Oak Lawn Park District has been awarded an Outstanding Program Award from the Illinois Park & Recreation Association. It was announced in Nov. that the park district's Junior Broadway Theatre Camp was chosen from among 44 nominations, submitted by park and recreation organizations across Illinois. "We are ecstatic that we have been selected once again to receive

Queen of Peace honors heart of the school

Queen of Peace High School teachers honored a member of their faculty for her outstanding contributions to the school and community. Suzanne Wille, English teacher and coordinator of Catholic Schools Opposing Racism, COR, was chosen as Heart of the School, an honor bestowed each year on one faculty member who strives to enhance the environment, curriculum and activities at Peace.

"Suzanne is intelligent and innovative," said Maria Gonsiorek, 2001-02 Heart of the School, during the presentation of the award. "Her love for the written and spoken word makes Suzanne a teacher that students are drawn to; her compassion and spirit encourage us all to strive not for what is, but for what is possible. She raises the bar a little higher for all of us with her work ethic and her commitment to a more just world."

In addition to teaching English at Peace, Ms. Wille coordinates COR, a network of Catholic School students working to bring about harmony through education on issues of racism and injustice. COR received the 2002 Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

Common Ground Award given by the Association of Chicago Priests.

"This award is especially meaningful. To be held up by colleagues for whom I have so much respect is truly overwhelming," Ms. Wille said upon receiving the award.

Ms. Suzanne Wille, of Chicago, receives a silver heart from Principal Patricia Nolan-fitzgerald, of Beverly-Morgan Park, as a symbol of the honor of being chosen Queen of Peace's Heart of the School for 2002-03. Each year, members of the faculty vote on the teacher that best exemplifies strength, courage and a passion for education.

Chicago Loves Shakespeare

The spirit of William Shakespeare seems to have an affinity for the City of Chicago. The breathtaking, world class Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier plays to sold-out houses all season long. Now, along comes a small play, a one-man show, written by Chicagoan Dan Decker, which gives a personal glimpse of the man Will Shakespeare.

"An Evening With Will Shakespeare" is set in Stratford upon Avon on April 23, 1616, Shakespeare's 52nd birthday and the night he died. Decker has stumbled upon something in

Shakespeare's sonnets. "Will is talking to us in great detail, if we learn to learn," says Decker. "I was so flabbergasted by what I found, I wrote this play to share it with everyone. By placing Will's sonnets into historical context, the true voice of the man can be heard."

Tom Lenane, the play's director, says, "Shakespeare is more popular now than at any time in history. Worldwide, over 3 million people will see a Shakespeare play performed this year alone, in all different languages. Every culture has adopted him."

But it is here in Chicago that his play will premiere. Chicago has traditionally provided fertile ground for new ideas in literature, movies and theatre. This is a portrait of Will Shakespeare as no one has ever seen him before, and is a valuable addition to that legacy.

An Evening With Will Shakespeare opens Nov. 22 at the Heartland Cafe' Studio Theatre, 7006 N. Glenwood, Chicago. Tuesday through Sunday 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Group rates available. Free parking. Mastercard, Visa or Discover. Reservations are recommended. Call, (773) 665-9882.

Free Thanksgiving day dinner

Snackville Junction will be serving Free Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner from noon until 4 p.m. We have served this dinner for the past 15 years at no cost to anyone that comes to Sanckville. The menu will consist of Turkey, with all the trimmings, dressing, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and beverage. Home-made pumpkin pie with whip cream will top off the feast. Snackville will also deliver meals to anyone within a reasonable distance, that is unable to come in for dinner. Just call us at (708) 423-1313 and let us know where and what time to deliver the meal. Snackville wishes to thank its many purveyors and friends for their annual support which allows us to continue this nice tradition. For any further information, please call Snackville or stop in personally Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

World of Wonder science series

The Science Department of Luther High School South will hold the first of its annual "World of Wonder" science series for the 2002-2003 school year on Saturday Nov. 23, from 9-3:00 p.m.

The cost of the program, which is open to 4th through 8th grade students from all public, private, and parochial schools, is as follows: \$40.00 for one student, \$70.00 for two members of a family, and \$90.00 for three members of a family. Lunch for all participants is included in the registration cost.

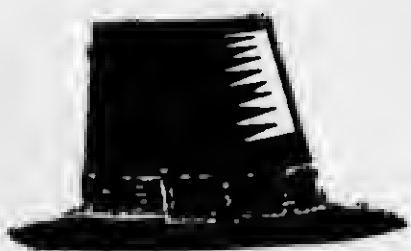
A variety of hands-on projects and topics will be covered among which are: Microscopy-view the five kingdoms through prepared and wet mount preparation; Unit on acids and bases-p.H using food groups, household products; unit on polymers-plastics-slime, glue, superballism and more; unit on dissection of the worm,

grasshopper, and crayfish; unit on chemical and physical properties, unit on matter and much more.

Bus transportation to and from a student's home school will be provided for class groups of 25 or more. Also students do not have to be in accelerated programs or classes to participate in the "World of Wonder" workshop. No personal checks will be accepted for payment, only cash or money order with the latter being made out to Luther High School South. To make reservations and secure more information, contact Science Department Chairman Donald Witt at (773) 737-1416 any day between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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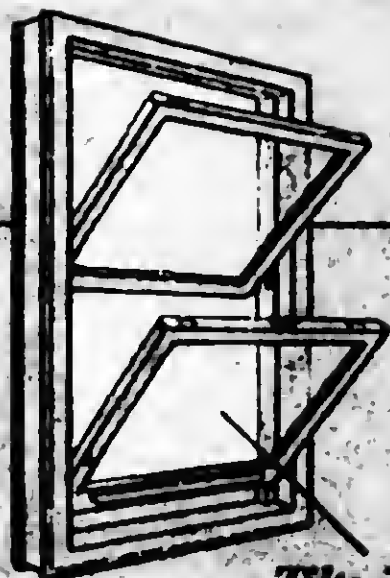
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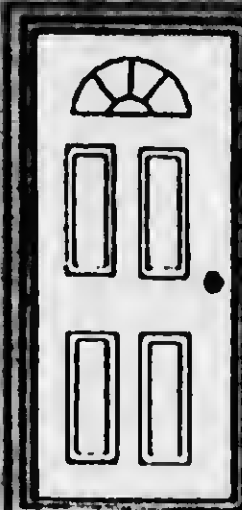
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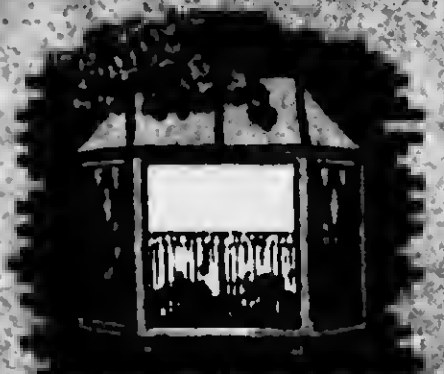


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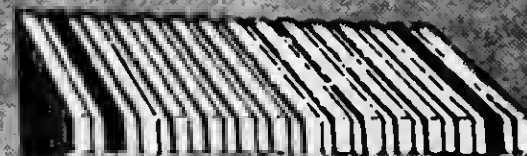
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Oak Lawn Police train to save lives

The Oak Lawn Police Department has purchased fifteen automated external defibrillators for installation in the majority of Oak Lawn squad cars.

Trustee Bill Keane first sponsored the effort to purchase the mobile defibrillators and suggested using confiscated drug money to pay for the units and police officer training.

"The survival rate for victims drops seven percent every minute after the heart stops," stated Trustee Keane. "If the patrol officer on the scene of an emergency can use the electric shock to start or stabilize the heart, the chance of survival increases."

The American Heart Association says 80 percent of the 220,000 annual deaths due to cardiac arrest are caused by a kind of abnormal

heartbeat called fibrillation. Defibrillation corrects the heartbeat. "The training of our officers on the mobile defibrillators is underway from the Oak Lawn Fire Department," noted Police Chief Bob Smith.

In recent years police departments, schools, park districts and airports have bought defibrillators. Studies show the automated heart shocking devices saved nearly half of all victims they were used on. Last year a portable defibrillator carried by Deerfield Police saved a 13-year-old boy who went into cardiac arrest after being struck in the chest by a baseball.

"The Oak Lawn Police officer is at the scene two to three minutes faster after an emergency call, because they are patrolling the area, said Mayor Ernest Kolb. This equipment and training can save lives." According to the American Heart Association about 220,000 people die each year from sudden cardiac arrest. That is 600 a day or 25 each hour. Defibrillation is the only known therapy for Ventricular fibrillation. For every minute that passes without defibrillation, a victim's chances of survival decrease by 7 to 10 percent.

Blast returns to Oriental Theatre

"Blast!," winner of the 2001 Tony Award for "Best Special Theatrical Event" and a 2001 Emmy Award for "Best Choreography," makes its triumphant return to Chicago at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, December 11 through December 22, 2002.

Born on athletic fields across the nation, "Blast!" is a novel art form evolved from the showmanship of outdoor pageantry. A unique experience, "Blast!" explodes the genre with the artistry of the theatre. "Blast!" is a musical spectacle; it is music in motion. Described by Richard Christiansen of the Chicago Tribune, "Blast!" And a truer word was never spoken. A terrific good time...explosive entertainment. It is indeed a blast.

Tickets to "Blast!" range in price from \$25 to \$70 and are available at all Broadway in Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe St., 24 W. Randolph St., and 151 W. Randolph St.), by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticketline (312) 902-1400, or

at all Ticketmaster ticket centers.

A Christmas Story bus trip

A One-day trip planned by Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park is offering a round trip motor coach to The Center Theater in Muncie, Indiana for the showing of "A Christmas Story." Cost for the trip is \$50 and tickets are available now at the Office of Citizens' Services. The show also includes a delicious meal (choice of roast turkey or pork). "A Christmas Story" is a perfect mix of gentle humor and holiday cheer.

Oak Lawn Public Library hands free reading

Can't find the time to sit down and read a book? The Oak Lawn Public Library 5300 W. 95th St., offers a selection of audiobooks on cassette, providing busy people with a hands-free reading alternative. Enjoy an

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National Association of Retired Federal Employees meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1106, will hold their next meeting on Nov. 20, 2002 at 10 a.m. in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building located at 9446 Raymond Ave. (5300 West)

This non-profit organization consists of Retired Federal Employees, their spouses, survivors and current active employees who live in Southwest Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service with the many questions retirement and pre-

retirement brings. If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call (708) 458-4990.

ACT registration deadline

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the December 14 test date. The postmark registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 8. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on Nov. 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get information from their high school counselor or register online at www.act.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League Schools. A student's ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in high school, extracurricular activities, personal background and other information. The test fee is \$25

The Nutcracker breaks into town

A Chicago family holiday tradition, Robert Joffrey's production of The Nutcracker returns for 18 performances only at the Auditorium Theatre, 70 E. Congress Parkway, Dec. 6-22. The Nutcracker features the full Joffrey Ballet of Chicago company, plus the Arpino Apprentices, seasonal dancers and a puppeteer - all augmented by five local children's choruses and 127 young dancers ages nine through fourteen. The Joffrey Ballet Orchestra, under conductor Allan Lewis, provides live musical accompaniment of the beloved Tchaikovsky score.

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Hoffmann's early 19th century German tale, "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," premiered in 1987, and has become a Chicago holiday favorite since its first performance here in 1996.

Tickets for The Nutcracker, priced from \$34 to 74 and are now on sale at the Auditorium Theatre box office, all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, by telephone at (312) 902-1500.

Sex in the Suburbs

An all-new cable spoof, Sex in the Suburbs, joins The Baritones, the popular fully improvised crime family comedy, in a special double bill, at the new Noble Fool Theater Studio, 16 W. Randolph, Friday evenings at

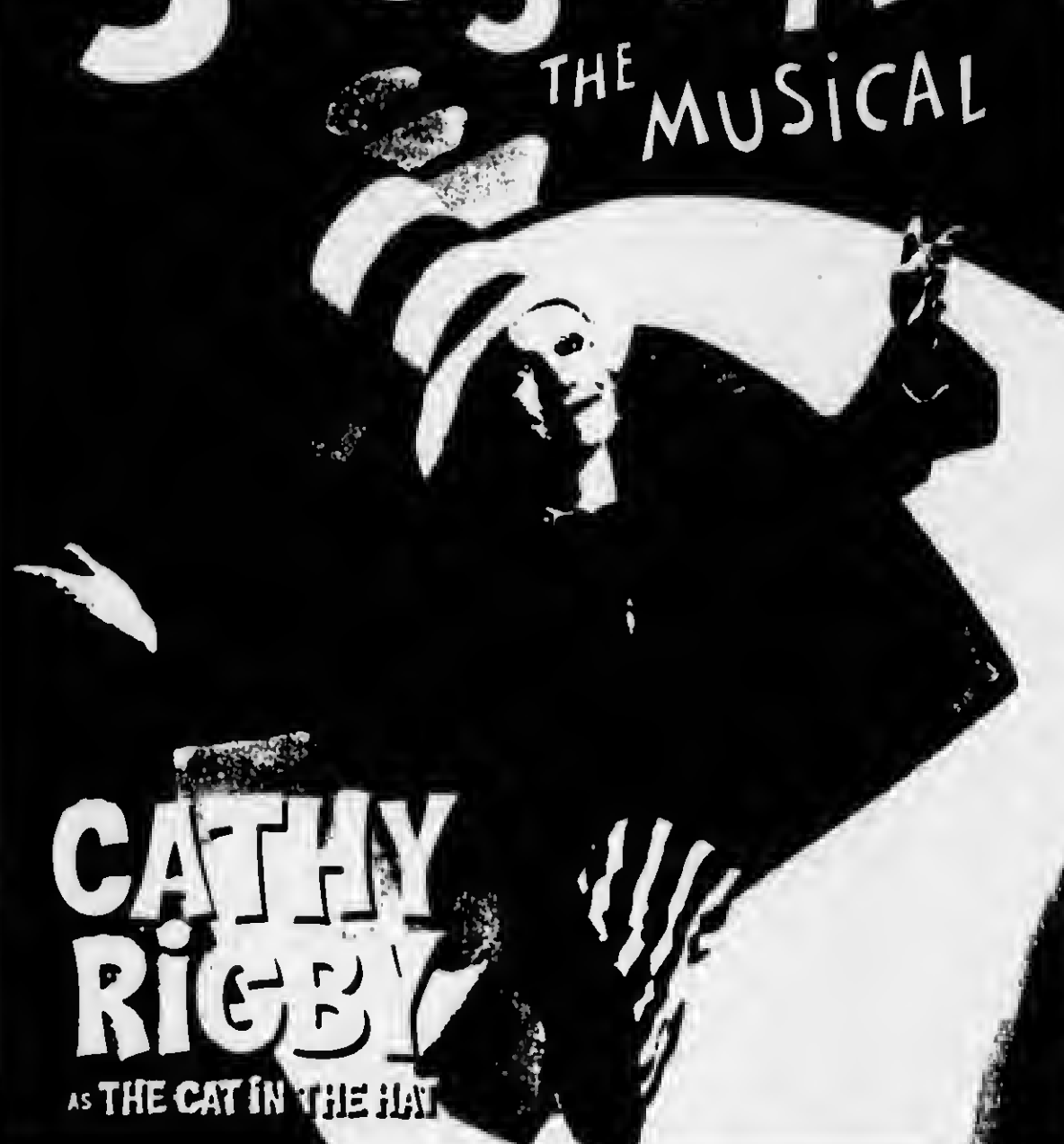
10 p.m., beginning Nov. 29. Seduction, scandal, and soccer moms is a fully-improvised spoof of the Emmy Award-winning HBO comedy, Sex and the City. Tickets for all Studio productions can be purchased through the Noble Fool box office; by calling (312) 726-1156; at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers; or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

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69th Annual Thanksgiving parade fills Chicago's Plates

The 69th annual Target Thanksgiving Parade will step off at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov 28, with battalions of bands, herds of horses, flocks of floats, throngs of thespians, cascades of clowns, and more triumphantly towering helium-inflated heroes than almost any parade in the country. More than 300,000 spectators will be expected to line Chicago's historic State Street, from Congress Parkway to Randolph Street, cheering this colossal contingent of charm that's become as much a part of the city's holiday tradition as turkey with all the trimmings.

New to this year's parade, the League of Chicago The-

atres will bring its talent to the streets with 11 two-minute "greeting cards" from the city's top theater groups. Each live theatrical presentation - some of which will be newly created for this unique venue, while others showcase a scene from a current production or past highlight - will focus on traditional holiday theme 4s of family, joy, peace, home and hearth.

Overhead, a dozen dauntless dirigibles, including newcomers Big Bird, Baby Smurf, Humpty Dumpty, Strawberry Shortcake, and Paul Bunyan, will fill even the most seasoned parader with a childlike sense of wonder and whimsy. Having premiered more giant helium balloons over the past three years than any parade in the country, including Macy's, the Target Thanksgiving Parade gives Chicagoans their only annual glimpse of these gentle giants.

Among an overflowing array of other parade standouts, the stars of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus will make their second annual appearance as headliners for the festivities, setting the stage with daring deeds, athletic agility and hilarious jinks. The Escaramuza Flor de Primavera equestrian team from Tucson, Ariz., a perennial favorite in the Tournament of Toses and Fiesta Bowl parades - will make its Chicago Thanksgiving Parade debut. There'll be more than two dozen bands, including first-timers from Joplin, Mo., Masnover, Pa., and Valdosta, Ga., along with the U.S. Army Forces Command Color Guard, the Heartbeats Jump Rope Team from Richfield, Ohio, Chicago Children's Choir, and of

course, the most anticipated appearance of all, the annual arrival of Santa Claus.

The parade will be broadcasted live Thanksgiving morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Chicago's ABC7. An additional estimated 90 million households nationally will receive the parade telecast through a new, five-year syndication agreement between the Chicago Festival Association and ABC7. For more information, call the Chicago Festival Association at (312) 781-5681 or log on to www.chicagofestivals.org.

Seat Belt Mobilization presents new battle for U.S. Military

As the U.S. Military focuses on the war on terrorism abroad, another threat to America's service men and women will get some attention during the Thanksgiving Holiday as more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies join the armed forces in a nationwide crackdown on seat violators. The enforcement blitz comes as new data show that more men and women in uniform die in traffic crashes than any other cause.

Fast Facts:

1. Deaths among military personnel occurring in private motor vehicle crashes are up 35 percent from last year.
2. In just the first six months of this year, 254 enlisted personnel across all services lost their lives in traffic crashes.

3. In 2000, 4,437 teens ages 16-19 died in traffic crashes.

4. In 1999, 63 percent of youth (age 15-20) who died in passenger vehicle crashes were not wearing safety belts.

5. Approximately 8,000 Americans - adults and children - will die in crashes simply because they failed to buckle their seat belts.

"The fact that our armed forces are not immune to these preventable tragedies is cause enough to make seat belt enforcement a national priority," said Hurley, who previously served as a naval officer.

St. Nicholas Anniversary

Join the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church for its 75th Anniversary Gala Celebration on Sunday Dec.

8. The event will take place at Georgios Banquets 8800 West 159th Street in Orland Park. At 5:00 p.m. cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres will be served. At 6:00 p.m. dinner will be served. Cost is for adults is \$75, Young Adults (13 to 21) is \$50 and Children (12 and younger) is \$25. It's a time for family, friends and community. Enjoy fine dining and Orchestra music provided by Orchestra Chicago. Dancing and video presentation. Limited speeches. Extra fun for all. Contact the St. Nicholas Church Office for reservations (708) 636-5460.

The Parade will be broadcasted live Thanksgiving morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Chicago's ABC 7. About 3,000 spectators are expected to line Chicago's historic State Street.



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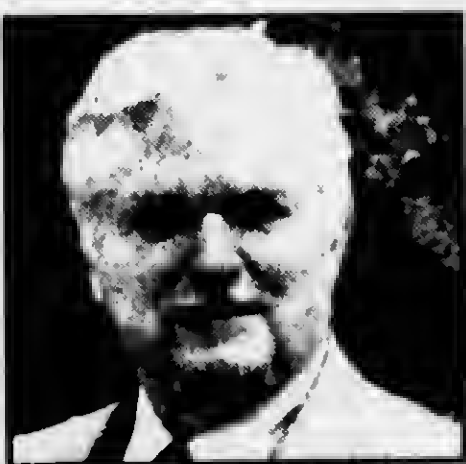
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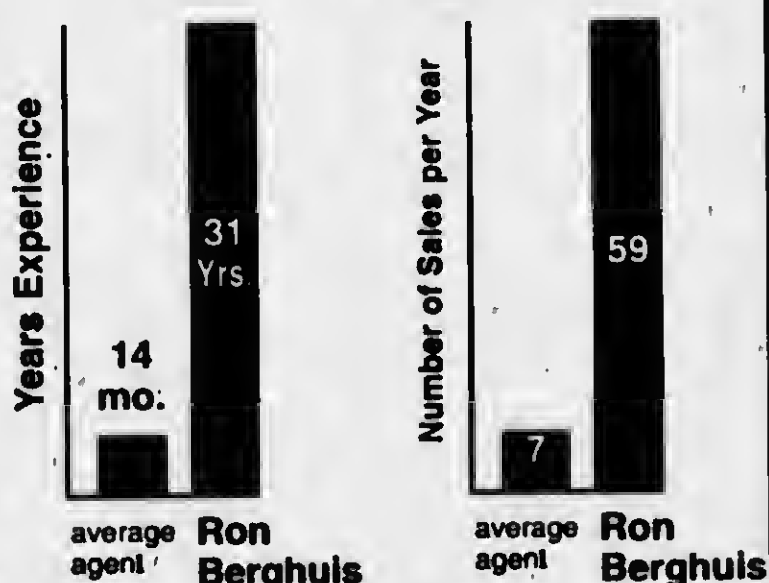
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For rich flavor, brown the veal slowly on all sides. To ensure fork-tender veal in every bite, slowly simmer the veal roll in a tightly covered pan - without peeking! Because the veal needs no attention while it simmers, it frees up the cook. There's time to prepare side dishes or dessert, set the table, or just relax.

Enjoy the succulent veal main dish with simple accompaniments such as pasta and a vegetable or salad. For dessert, serve a fruit crisp topped with scoops of ground cinnamon-sprinkled vanilla ice cream.

Veal Breast Roll with Olive-Mushroom Filling

Total preparation and cooking time: 2-1/2 hours

2-1/2 to 3 pound boneless veal breast
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/3 cup Marsala
1/3 cup water
2 1/2 cups uncooked pasta (such as bow tie or spiral)
Olive-Mushroom Filling:
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
1 cup chopped mushroom
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 can (4-1/4 ounces) chopped ripe olives
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves, crushed

1. In Dutch oven, heat 2 teaspoons oil over medium heat until hot. Add bell pepper mushrooms and garlic; cook 5 minutes or until mushrooms are tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in olives and rosemary. Remove from heat; cool.

2. Unroll veal breast; trim fat. Spread filling over veal, leaving 3/4-inch border around edges. Starting at short end, roll up jelly-roll fashion; tie securely with string.

3) In same pan, heat 2 tea-

spoons oil over medium heat until hot. Add veal roll; brown evenly. Pour off drippings, if necessary. Add Marsala and water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low. Cover tightly and simmer 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 hours or until veal is tender.

4) Meanwhile prepare pasta according to package directions. Place on large serving platter; keep warm.

5) Remove veal from pan. Skim off fat from cooking liquid. Return cooking liquid to pan; bring to a boil. Cook until sauce is reduced to 3/4 cup, stirring occasionally. Remove and discard string from veal. Carve veal into slices; arrange on pasta. Serve with sauce.

Cook's Tip: To prepare in oven, use covered, ovenproof skillet or roasting pan and cook in 325 F oven after adding Marsala and water. Cover and cook 2 to 2-1/4 hours or until veal is tender. Prepare sauce as directed above.

My Favorite Beef Brisket

Total preparation and cooking time: 4 hours

4-1/4 to 5 pound boneless beef brisket, flat cut or boneless beef chuck shoulder pot roast

1 clove garlic, peeled, cut lengthwise in half
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3 medium onions, diced
2 cups dry red wine
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
2 ribs celery with leaves, chopped
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
1 bay leaf
6 to 8 medium carrots, diagonally sliced
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
Crispy Potato Pancakes (recipe follows)

1. Heat oven to 325 F. Rub garlic halves, cut sides down, over surface of beef brisket; reserve garlic. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat until hot. Place brisket in skillet; brown evenly. Remove brisket from skillet; season with salt and pepper. Pour off drippings.

2 Add reserved garlic and onions to large, deep baking pan. Place brisket over onions. Stir in wine; tomatoes,

celery, rosemary, thyme and bay leaf. Cover and cook in 325 F oven 3 hours, basting frequently with cooking liquid.

3. Add carrots and parsley to cooking liquid; continue cooking, uncovered, for 30 minutes or until brisket and carrots are tender.

4. Remove brisket; keep warm. Skim fat from cooking liquid; discard garlic and bay leaf. Carve brisket diagonally across the grain into thin slices; serve with some of the cooking liquid and Crispy Potato Pancakes.

Cook's Tip: Brisket can be made ahead and refrigerated. When ready to serve, skim fat from cooking liquid and reheat until hot. Place sliced brisket in large roasting pan and pour warm liquid over beef, cover and reheat in preheated 350 F oven for 30 to 45 minutes, or until heated through.

Crispy Potato Pancakes

Total preparation and cooking time: 1 hour and 15 minutes

2 pounds russet or Yukon Gold potatoes
1 medium onion
1/2 cup chopped green on-

ions, including green tops 1 egg, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper Vegetable oil for frying

1. Peel potatoes and place in bowl of cold water. Coarsely grate potatoes and onion; place in fine-mesh strainer or tea towel set over large bowl. Squeeze out all water, letting potato starch settle to bottom of bowl. Pour off water, reserving potato starch in low.

2. Add potatoes and onion to potato starch. Stir in green onion, egg, salt and pepper.
3. Pour oil to 1/4-inch depth in nonstick skillet. Heat over medium heat until hot. Measure 1/4 cup potato mixture for each pancake. Flatten in palm of hand. Place in hot oil and flatten again by pressing with large spatula. Fry for 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve immediately.
Makes about 2 dozen pancakes

Cook's Tip: To quickly grate the potatoes and onion, use the shredding disk of a food processor.

Five holiday food and fun ideas for children

Help create happy memories for children by involving them in holiday activities. In her book, *Cooking around the calendar with kids: Holiday and seasonal food and fun*, Amy Houts offers food and gift suggestions for all seasons of the year. The book reveals what she considers most important - time together and giving and sharing.

Here are 5 ideas from her book that can be the start of fun family traditions.

1. Memories and baking cookies are a big part of the holiday season. Get friends together and have a cookie baking or exchange party. Children will enjoy making Jelly-Belly and Holiday

Candy Cane cookies.

2. Children can help create simple holiday gifts from the kitchen, such as Chocolate Chip Cookies in a Jar, Holiday Spice Mix and Hearty Soup Mix.

3. As a way to recall the many blessings received during the year, place five or more kernels of candy corn in a zip lock bag and give to each child. Decide together what blessing each kernel symbolizes.

4. Check out a cookbook from the library with recipes

typical of those used by your ancestors. Make a traditional cookie or bread recipe from that country.

5. Take time to remember the birds. A gift for them, or to a bird lover, could be a pinecone bird feeder you and your child create. Don't forget to give the birds water, too.



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Nurse alumni reunion

Graduates of Little Company of Mary nursing school reminisced Oct. 12 with old friends and former classmates about life before and after nursing school at the annual Nurse alumni luncheon held at the Hilton of Oak Lawn. More than 225 graduates from across the country came to celebrate graduating from Little Company Mary Nursing School. "We're really excited to have many of the graduates together again," says Peg Schneider, Little Company Chaplain of the Pastoral Care Department and Little Company of Mary Nursing School graduate. "We're especially excited that we were able to reunite two classmates from the first graduating class."

Sarah Farley McGrane and Mary Viola Hansen

graduated from the class of 1935, a class of five women. Naturally, with a class so small, the women spent many hours studying together and sharing stories. The Little Company of Mary Nursing Alumni Committee was excited to be instrumental in the reunion. Mary Viola Hansen lives with her family in New Lenox, Illinois, and Sarah Farley McGrane, newly wedded, lives with her husband, Dr. Harold McGrane, in Yorktown, Virginia.

After lunch, the graduates were treated to a tour of the hospital, including a sneak peak of the newly renovated Behavioral Health Department that will open its doors for treatment in December 2002.

The completed transformation of the Behavioral Health area includes 24 patient rooms with private bathrooms, inpatient psychiatry and detoxification treatment areas, and common area with comforting colors, ample natural sunlight and contem-

porary decor. Little Company of Mary Behavioral Health provides support and stability for people during crisis, as well as providing assessments, diagnosis and recovery planning.

Little Company of Mary Behavioral Health continues to expand its dual diagnosis program, which is designed to treat the needs of patients dealing with co-existing mental health and addiction problems. With a skilled team of professionals offering comprehensive services in this new state of the art facility, Little Company of Mary Behavioral Health has emerged as a complete patient experience through one of the finest programs available in the south suburbs.



Flatley inducted into Brother Hall of Fame

Internationally acclaimed performer Michael Flatley, best known for "Riverdance," "Lord of the Dance" and "Feet of Flames," will be inducted into Brother Rice High School's Alumni Hall of Fame during an All-School Alumni Reunion Dinner Friday, Nov. 15, at the Rosewood West Restaurant in Crestwood.

Flatley, a 1977 graduate of Brother Rice High School on Chicago's southwest side, is scheduled to attend the reunion and plans to announce a donation of \$100,000 to his alma mater.

"I am honored and delighted to receive such a prestigious award. Brother Rice High School is one of the greatest establishments in Chicago," said Flatley. "Famous for their method of education, the Christian brothers helped to mold and guide me into the person I am today. I am forever grateful and thrilled to be giving something back."

Flatley grew up in the Chicago area. At age 17, while a student at Brother Rice, Flatley became the first American in history to bring the title of All-World Irish Dancing Champion to the United States. He also won a Golden Gloves boxing championship while attending Brother Rice. In 1982, he

became the youngest person in history to be awarded a National Heritage Fellowship, which he received from President Ronald Reagan, and the National Endowment for the Arts recognized him as one of America's greatest living artists.

Beginning in 1994, Flatley was the principal star and choreographer of "Riverdance." He later starred in "Lord of the Dance" and "Feet of Flames," which he performed in front audiences of 100,000 people each night in Berlin and Budapest and 25,000 on the historic Route of Kings in London's Hyde Park.

Flatley recently signed a \$250 million deal to bring "Lord of the Dance" to Las Vegas for a lengthy run at the strip's premier hotel, The Venetian. Flatley's achievements include entries in the Guinness Book of World Records for tap dancing speed, highest paid dancer and highest insurance premium placed on a dancer's legs - \$40 million.

"We're pleased to welcome Michael into the Brother Rice Alumni Hall of Fame," said Br. Karl J. Walczak, C.F.C., president of Brother Rice High School. "From his beginnings here in Chicago to his rise to international fame as a brilliant

and innovative performer, Michael serves as a true inspiration for all young persons to reach for their dreams with a willingness to work hard and never give up. In sharing his wonderful gifts and talents with the world, Michael has truly distinguished himself in society and we're proud to count him among the Brother Rice family."

Mt. Greenwood firehouse tour

Join the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society as we tour the Mt. Greenwood Firehouse on Monday, Nov. 25. Meet at the firehouse located at 3112 W. 111th St. at 7:00 p.m. The tour is free and open to the public. Copies of "The Living History of Mount Greenwood" will be available after the tour. Refreshment will be served. For more information, leave a message for Janet McBride at (773) 881-8168.



Theatre Alive: Hollywood on Ice

By Georgean Fitzgerald

It was cool, and I don't mean just the ice. It was "Hollywood on Ice" at the Drury

Lane Theater. It opened to a press night audience and delivered a spectacular ice show. It offered a monumental evening of entertainment and starting out with 5,000 pounds of crushed ice, add a little water and the Drury Lane stage was transformed into a glistening ice area.

Actually the temperature was just right for an evening of viewing ice skating in many forms and logistics. It was not just the wobbly, slightly bent form from our own ice skat-

ing days at Rainbow Beach in Chicago. The outstanding talented cast of skaters included among many: "Circus Boy," Bobby Hunt from Ripley's Believe It or Not. Whether he is or not the juggles knives of fire on a giant unicycle, or riding the world's smallest bicycle. All manner of unbelievable tricks are performed by a very talented cast who obviously loves winter.

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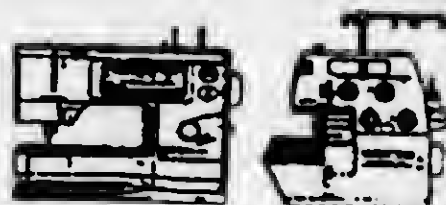
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It isn't Law & Order, it's about real people and real crime

By: Will Conkis

On a balmy summer afternoon, south 26th Street and California Ave. might look like any Chicago neighborhood. Bathed in warm sunlight complemented by pleasant breezes, the boulevard hums with the sounds of the city traffic as pedestrians scurry along the sidewalks. But there's a stark reminder that this isn't just another city neighborhood. Looming over the neighborhood is the shadow of the Cook County Correctional facility, forbidding even on this perfect last summer afternoon as the razor wire atop the cyclone fences of the prison glistens and reflects the sun's rays.

The hustling and bustling pedestrian traffic streams onto the sidewalks mainly from Cook County Criminal Court Building, where lawyers, police officers, defendants and victims meet to seek justice in the stark reality of its courtrooms. Some of them may think justice has been served this day; others might be convinced the system doesn't work, at least, for them.

This tapestry of the criminal justice system comprised of people, jails and courtrooms doesn't come from the

latest episode of Law & Order. No, 26th and California is about real victims, real cops, real lawyers and real defendants. And the lynchpins of the system are the real judges, like veteran Cook County Circuit Court Judge Clayton J. Crane.

"I'm like everyone else; I enjoy being entertained by drama. But judges don't hear motions and arguments to suppress evidence while rushing down a hallway with robes flowing. The decisions we make affect real people and their lives and for a long time. But the shows do help my mental health because I get to yell at the TV when something improper or unrealistic is portrayed, but I love a good 'who done it'; their contact with reality leaves something to be desired," Crane says.

For Crane, it's all business and serious business at south 26th and California. On this day, two of the cases on his docket include a young African-American facing cocaine possession charges while another faces a minimum of 20 years in jail if he is convicted of slaying a woman. "Some judges may be quicker to cut off lawyers and conversation in the courtroom than I am. I remember being an attorney

in the courtroom and being cut off. At least if I got my say within the confines of the law, I had no complaint. I'm the one that will make the decisions. But I want both sides to have the opportunity to present their case. Some people may want me to cut them (lawyers) off sooner. But we're hearing very serious matters. An extra fifteen minutes isn't going to hurt anyone," Crane said. The objective, he added, is to serve justice within the framework of the law, and the law can't be disregarded to fit your perception of justice.

"We're trained in the law to keep our opinions out and function according to the law. We all have vast opinions on what the law should be. But you have to put that aside when making your ruling because you have to apply the law as it is, and that is the oath I've taken," he said. "I may wish we had a different outcome of a trial. But I can only rule on what's presented to me and apply it to the law. We have cases where little babies are severely damaged. But you can't arbitrarily decide one of three people responsible for the child is responsible for the abuse. I certainly want to guilty person to pay consequences for the

pain the child has suffered. However, unless someone can prove to me beyond a reasonable doubt which individual is responsible, I can't convict any of them. But that certainly isn't my desire," Crane said. Crane decided on the law as a career while serving in the Marine Corps during the Viet Nam War. After being honorably discharged, Crane worked as an insurance adjuster until he saved enough money to attend law school at Hamline University. Following graduation, Crane made the decision to become a trial lawyer and applied to Cook County State's Attorney's Office and became an assistant state's attorney. "I can assure you I got to see more court room than I could have imagined seeing," Crane said. With his family growing, Crane left the state's attorney's office to enter private practice. While maintaining his private practice, he took a part-time position as prosecutor for the village of Streamwood. Later he became the attorney for the village and built his practice around municipal law. In 1996, Crane decided to seek election to the Cook County Circuit Court Bench and won. He was assigned to the 1st Municipal District of the

Circuit Court, where he served two years. He began his present assignment to the Criminal Division in 1998, where he would not mind completing his judicial career, he said, adding that he has no desire to seek other elected office.

"I'll go wherever I'm assigned. My present assignment is very interesting and exciting. But any assignment in the Circuit Court is exciting when you are helping people resolve issues. We certainly don't want people arguing and fighting in the street to resolve disputes," Crane noted.

And, Crane says, that's the major reason he decided to become a lawyer; he wanted to help people and participate in a system in which the rights of the individual are equal to the rights of society. "I recognize that I may be criticized for a ruling. Because of our codes of conduct, I'm not in a position to explain my decision to the public; I can't run out and start pointing the finger at everyone else. And that's good; I must take responsibility for the decisions I make," Crane said. "Cases are decided inside the four walls of the courtroom. WE make decisions according to

the evidence presented and the law. It has nothing to do with race, creed, politics, gender or anything else."

However, when asked what he considers the underlining cause or causes of crime, the judge doesn't hesitate with giving a response. He simply says "drugs." Many crimes are related to drugs in one way or another, he added. Either drugs are being sold or crimes are being committed to get money to buy drugs, according to the judge.

Clark attends leadership conference

Queen of Peace High School senior Karen Clark, of Burbank, attended the National Student Leadership Conference on Medicine and Health Care this summer in Washington D.C.

NSLC brought together 1,500 gifted students from across the United States and 45 countries to study, experience and develop skills and traits to serve them well as leaders in their schools, communities and beyond—thinking "on their feet," critical analysis and effective communication.

Karen, an honor student at Peace, is a member of the award-winning Chamber Singers, Spanish National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Varsity Soccer Team, and Peace Ambassadors. She teaches Bible school at the First United Methodist Church in Oak Lawn and has volunteered at the Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp. Karen plans to be an oncologist and hopes to attend Northwestern University this fall.

Paprocki gets experience as pharmacy technician

Vickie Paprocki, of Oak Lawn, a senior at Queen of Peace High School, completed a summer program in Osco Drug's College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program.

Vickie was selected for the pharmacy program based on her academic performance, teacher recommendations and personal interview with the college admission committee. Vickie, an honor student at Peace is a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Math Club, Peace Ambassadors and Bradley University Leadership Group.

Vickie plans to enter a pre-pharmacy program at Benedictine University or the University of Illinois at Chicago.



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faced questioning for treason, and about the people to whom the sonnets were written. "Will tells us a lot in the sonnets if we listen," says author Decker. As the on-stage character of Shakespeare explains the historical events of his life, he uses Shakespeare's real-life sonnets to express his personal feelings about what happened. "I used the sonnets to access the authentic voice of the man," says Decker. "I started this play by making a choice that the sonnets are his own personal voice. The actual sonnets are woven in with the character's lines on-stage. The actor playing Will goes in and out of the sonnets seamlessly, so the audience will hear what happened way back then in Will's own voice."

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the works of William Shakespeare. It was most certainly William Shakespeare," says playwright Dan Decker, author of "An Evening With Will Shakespeare."

It has long been popular to suggest that someone other than Shakespeare authorized the work. Over the centuries any number of plausible alternatives, including Bacon, Marlowe, a variety of Earls, and even Queen Elizabeth I have been suggested as the true author. The Earl of Oxford is the popular favorite today. "That's ridiculous," says Decker. "Every contemporary writer of Will's time, including Ben Jonson, poet laureate of England, said William Shakespeare wrote the works. When you look at the details of the arguments against Will's authorship, even the current Oxford argument, non of them make sense."

The one-man play, "An Evening With Will Shakespeare," presents Shakespeare in retirement, on his 52nd birthday at home in Stratford-upon-Avon. He reflects on the loves and hates of his life; on betrayals both given and received. He speaks not as a playwright talking about his work, but rather as a man of great depth and expressions about his syphilis, about the time he

Standing up for Shakespeare

By: Dan Decker
 Based on the Sonnets of William Shakespeare

Many scholars have questioned the authorship of Shakespeare's plays and sonnets. Even a recent production on one of Chicago's premiere stages has posed an alternative to the idea that the man from Stratford was behind what we accept as the Shakespearean canon. A new play comes the defense of the man himself. "After years of study, there isn't a single doubt in my mind who wrote

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 1 cup (4 ounces) grated Cheddar cheese
 2-3 tablespoons pepper jelly
 6 small flour tortillas, cut into sixths

In a 9-inch round pie pan, layer apples and pears. Combine bread crumbs with brown sugar and sprinkle over the fruit. Mix cheeses together and lay over the fruit and crumb mixture. Top with pepper jelly.

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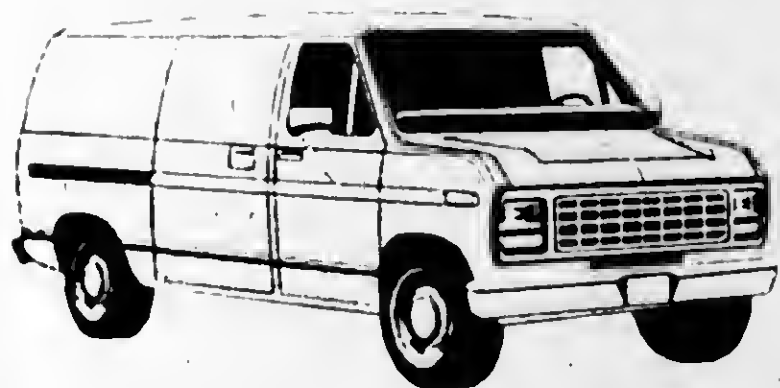
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Brian Sullivan wins Orland Open Spelling Bee

Brian Sullivan of Orland Park won the 24th Orland Open Spelling Bee for the third time as 106 spellers age 4 to Senior Citizens competed in the 3 hour contest going to the 600 plus word. Finishing second was Bob Allen, last year's winner. Third Place was Lynn Merrick of Lockport. The final words missed in the contest were dipthone, guerrilla, liege and palate.

Finishing 4th Carol Gianoli, 1990 Champ, 5th Samuel Lin, 6th June Ninnemann, 7th Kurt Hitzeman, 8th Greg Gevais, 9th Eve Miliukus, 10th,

Janet Donne, 11th Cindy Spaulding, 1994 Champ, 12th Anita Phifer, 13th Mary Ann Annable, 14th Nancy Allen, 15th Lenore Upstone, last year's runner up.

In the age 10 and younger category

1st Natawiit Nonaikul of East Palos School, 2nd Nellie Gannon of St. Michael's School, 3rd Hugh Berglund, 4th Kaylyn Walters, 5th Brian McNamara, 6th Victoria Gordon, 7th Kaleigh Jerkatis, 8th Rashau Jacob, 9th Rachel Allen, 10th Gabrielle Milewski, 11th Connor Duffy, 12th Robin Hatcher, 13th Kelly Scott, 14th Michael Lewis, 15th Katie Sherman.

Forty-nine spellers competed in the Age 10 & Younger Category.

Top High School Spellers was Sam Lin of Chicago Christian High School, 2nd Place was Sean Mooney and 3rd place was Rose Morrissey. Top Elementary School Speller was Patrick Sullivan, son of the overall winner.

The intergenerational aspect of this unique "open to all ages" Spelling Bee was shown as dad Bob Allen finished second with mother in law Mary Ann Annable at 13th, wife Nancy at 14th and daughter Rachel at 9th in the age 10 and younger category.

Judges were Orland Trustee Bernie Murphy, Library Director Sharon Wsol

and Lewis University Professor, Gail Rancic. Callers were Dr. Eileen Knight, Jane Rizzo, Amy Goebel, Margie Burnett, Ray Mackey, and Carol Sullivan. The event was cosponsored by the Village of Orland Park and The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park.

A wrench in Chicago blitz

Chicago's blitz to shove an expanded O'Hare Airport down the throats of its unwilling suburban neighbors again has hit some unexpected roadblocks. They showed up just as O'Hare expansion promoters were declaring that the Nov. 5 election had made airport expansion a certainty.

In a little-noticed court decision last week, Chicago's plan to bulldoze hundreds of homes and businesses long before the project would begin hit another legal snag. DuPage Circuit Judge Hollis Webster turned aside Chicago's demand that she

drop her order preventing the city from buying land in Bensenville and Elk Grove Village for the new runways. Chicago had been emboldened by an Illinois Supreme Court decision that Chicago did not need state approval to begin buying land for a \$3.6 billion World Gateway plan to build terminals and gates—a plan the city now has postponed because the airlines no longer can afford it.

Following the Supreme Court decision, Chicago has acted as if getting Judge Webster to remove her injunction was a slam-dunk. But recognizing the obvious, she rejected the city's assertion that the high court's decision, which applied to terminals and gates, also applied to runways.

At the same time last week, Chicago faced another roadblock to its blitz when St. John's United Church of Christ in Bensenville sued to stop Chicago from moving the church's 153-year-old cemetery from the path of new runways. Chicago already had informed the church that it soon planned to relocate the cemetery, an action that the church asserted violates several provisions of Illinois law.

"Chicago's strategy to take land well before it is needed is transparent and unconscionable," said John Geils, chairman of the Sub-

urban O'Hare Commission and Bensenville Village President "No one, including the Federal Aviation Administration, has approved O'Hare expansion, but here comes Chicago, trying to create panic by buying up everything in sight. It is Chicago's hope to quickly bulldoze thriving neighborhoods and businesses, turn them into vacant land surrounded by razor wire, and create the impression that there's nothing left for our communities to fight for. Never mind that this shameful strategy destroys lives and neighborhoods."

"Our communities will not tolerate this, nor will the law. If the O'Hare expansion is as wonderful, safe and environmentally friendly as Chicago says it is, let the city take the time to prove it. If they do prove it, the homes, schools, churches, business, parks and neighborhoods will still be there for Chicago to destroy. Story from the Background from the Suburban O'Hare Commission.

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Opera fun at Southwest Lyric Opera

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The Velveteen Rabbit jumps to Moraine

Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater will spring to life as the Theater for Young Audiences presents two Family Series performances of "The Velveteen Rabbit" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21. The Dorothy Menker Theater is located on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

"The Velveteen Rabbit" is a popular children's story about a boy who receives a stuffed rabbit as a gift. The rabbit's one desire is to be real—but will the boy's love be enough to make his rabbit's wish come true? This version of Margery Williams' classic tale features songs, dances, and audience participation. The heartwarming favorite reminds us all that if we believe in ourselves, anything is possible.

Tickets for this performance are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 handling fee. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500 or on the

Web at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac/family.htm.

7959 W. 159th St. in Tinley Park. Come and join us for dinner, a silent auction and to share opinions of this season's Lyric Opera productions. The auction will feature an array of musically-related items. For reservations please call Vee Minarich at (708) 403-4014 by Nov. 27 and dinner tickets are \$25.

Susie Chesna is mother of the year

The Mother of the Year Award has been instituted to show the best of a noble profession—motherhood. We honor Mrs. Chesna as a representative of the millions of mothers who have sacrificed and prayed to help their fami-

lies. Mrs. Chesna will receive the award after the 12:00 p.m. mass at St. Thomas More Church in Chicago on Sunday, Nov. 17th. Every year the Award is presented at the church of our mother of the year. Women who have received this award in the past have not necessarily been physical mothers. Adoptive mothers and spiritual mothers have also been selected.

Bremen-Orland Families for Life is composed all volunteers (there is no one paid).

It is composed of a group of families dedicated to upholding respect for all human life from conception to natural death. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at Brementowne Manor, 16130 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park at 8:00 p.m. with the exception of the month of December. In December we hold our annual Baby Shower in an area Church. This year the hosting Church is St. Julie's at 7399 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park, IL. The shower will be held on Tues-

day, Dec. 10th at 8:00 p.m. Pregnant women who are in difficult circumstances are helped through this baby shower and other events during the year. We encourage people facing the difficulties of an unplanned pregnancy to get support from one of the many pro-life problem pregnancy centers. PASS (Pregnancy Help South Suburbs) is a wonderful local group that can be reached at 8-800-340-pass.

We maintain a library on pro-life issues and use fetal

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Chicago Ridge gives money back generously Bank Of Chicago reunion

By Kevin Plenis

An ordinance was passed to approve a surplus tax rebate of \$300,000 at the Chicago Ridge Board Meeting on November 4.

This will be given back to the tax paying Chicago Ridge residents. "There are only two villages that do this, Chicago Ridge and Crestwood,"

said Mayor Eugene Siegel. This is the fifth year that the surplus tax money was given back in Chicago Ridge.

Mayor Eugene Siegel also handed out checks to representatives from 13 different organizations in Chicago Ridge. The \$31,000 profit from the special events fund was split up among the following: Brownie Troop 500,

Cub Scouts, Ridgeland Girl Scouts, Boy Scout Troop 665, Queen of the Ridge, Southwest Ball Hockey, Chicago Ridge Youth Service Bureau, Chicago Ridge Public Library, Senior Citizens, Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge Park District, Chicago Ridge 127 1/2 and the Ridge Friendship. Business licenses were approved

for Mufflers 4 Less & Brakes located at 6613 W. 95th Street and Health Care Network & Training located at 10255 Ridgeland.

This will be the south office for the Health Care Network and Training School where they offer a state-approved program that provides comprehensive theory and clinical training

needed for the requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health for Certified Nursing Assistants.

Deputy fire chiefs were appointed at the meeting also. The newly appointed chiefs are Mark Hoffmeister, Dave Bricker and Scott Durling. Their families came out to support them in their promotions.

The fifth annual Bank of Chicago Reunion/Christmas Party is set for Friday evening, Dec. 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the beautiful Heritage Manor Banquet Facility, located at 56th and Narragansett in Chicago. This party, open to all former employees of Garfield Ridge Trust and Saving Bank and the Bank of Chicago bank group from 1965-1997, will run to 11:00 p.m.

The cost is just \$21.00, and includes a delicious buffet dinner, an open bar, and a raffle for gifts set under the tree. Please RSVP to Ed Kozak at (773) 585-0624, evenings.

News from Palos Community Hospital

A free monthly Asthma Education Program teaches individuals how to deal with the challenges of asthma. The next class will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday Nov. 21, at the Palos Health and Fitness Center 15430 West Avenue. For more information, call 923-5530

Do you know what to do if someone is choking and needs CPR? Knowing what to do in an emergency situation can save a life. To learn these important skills, enroll in Palos Community Hospital's three-hour CPR class, held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday Nov. 20 at Palos Community Hospital. Cost is \$25 per registration. To register, call (708) 923-5759, 2:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. The hospital is located at 12251 S. 80th Ave. in Palos Heights.

Find out if you have diabetes, or are at risk for developing diabetes, at a free screening from Nov. 11 through Nov 15 at three convenient Palos Community Hospital locations. Call Palos Community Hospital at (708) 923-4700 to set up your ap-

pointment for a free blood-sugar test. Space is limited and fasting is required eight hours beforehand.

For 13 million Americans, urinary incontinence, an involuntary loss of bladder control is a health problem that is difficult to live with. Learn more about the symptoms and treatments available during this free presentation from 78 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Palos Community Hospital. To register call (708) 923-5050.

With a new baby on the way, big brothers and big sisters need to prepare for the new arrival just like moms and dads. It's important that siblings are involved in the preparation so they don't feel left out. A good start is to enroll your child in the Sibling Arrival class at Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights. The 90-minute class emphasizes the special role of big brothers and big sisters; the importance of handwashing; holding and diapering the new baby; and family adjustment. The session concludes with a tour of the maternity unit. The next Sibling Arrival class will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6. The class is open to children ages 3 to 10; and an adult must accompany them. Cost is \$7.50 per child. To register, call (708) 923-5759, Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 9 p.m.

Founders Bank Catches Shinning Star

For giving his customers the "star treatment," Founders Bank is recognizing drive-up tellers, Marty Woods, as their "Shining Star." The award recipient is voted on monthly by bank peers to pay tribute to fellow workers who consistently provide the highest level of service to the bank's customers.

In fact, Marty has become somewhat of a local personality through this work at the bank drive-up window. Customers of the bank who have been served by Marty have quickly made him their friend. Marty joined the bank a little more than two years ago and quickly set about getting to know his customer comments. "We work hard every day at Founders Bank to deliver top quality customer service—so great service has become the norm at Founders," stated Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "Marty quickly remembered customers' names and details about their last visit, so that when they next drove up to his window he could comment on things like 'how was your visit with your daughter?' and so on. He even visits some of our business customers during his free time just to say 'Hello,'" stated Socha.

Eileen Kelly, Marty's immediate supervisor said "Customers write to us and make comments that they are accustomed to receiving good service at Founders, but they find Marty to be extra charming. He really embraces our philosophy of customer service and inspires his co-workers. He's a very special person."

When Marty was recently asked, "what do you do that's so special?" He replied, "Nothing really. I just get to know people. Everyone has a story and I'm interested in people's lives and how they're getting along. I love my job because I get to work with people and try to make their day a little bit brighter." Marty says some of this comes from his father, a Chicago police officer, who comes home with stories of making friends on his beat in what some would call tough neighborhoods. "My Dad gets to know people and become friends—so in that way, I'm a lot like him." Marty's Dad wears the star of the police force and Marty now has a star of his own, a crystal star at his drive-thru window, one of the gifts he received for being the Bank's "Shining Star" recipient. Marty also received a day off with pay and a check for \$500. He will join other Founders Bank

"star" employees early next year at a dinner held at an elegant downtown Chicago venue, to celebrate Founders Bank employees recognized for consistently providing exemplary.



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Oak Lawn gives the green for new traffic light

By Kevin Plenis

The Melvina Ditch program was a success according to trustee Jerry Hurckes at the Nov. 26 city council meeting. "We pulled almost four truck loads of garbage out of that creek," said Hurckes.

"I'd like to thank all of the volunteers that came out," he added. It took the volunteers four hours to clean out

the ditch.

A resolution authorizing the funding for the traffic signal at the intersection of 111th Street and Jodan Drive/Laramie Avenue was approved.

According to the report by Lynn J. Krauss, P.E., director of public works/quality control, this project will include the interconnection of 111th Street from Ridgeland Avenue to Illinois Route 50

(Cicero Avenue).

The village will have to pay for 100% of the electrical energy charges which costs are included as part of the ComEd franchise agreement.

The grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs will go towards funding the improvement.

IDOT will cover the remaining balance estimated to

be \$229,500. All the engineering and construction supervision for this project is done by IDOT.

This proposal will be on the IDOT bid scheduled on Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.

In other news, trustee Stancik complimented the appearance of the magnificent light decorations surrounding the Oak Lawn Library and Village Hall grounds.

All trustees along with

the mayor wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Kolb urged residents to drive carefully as the weather produces slippery roads.

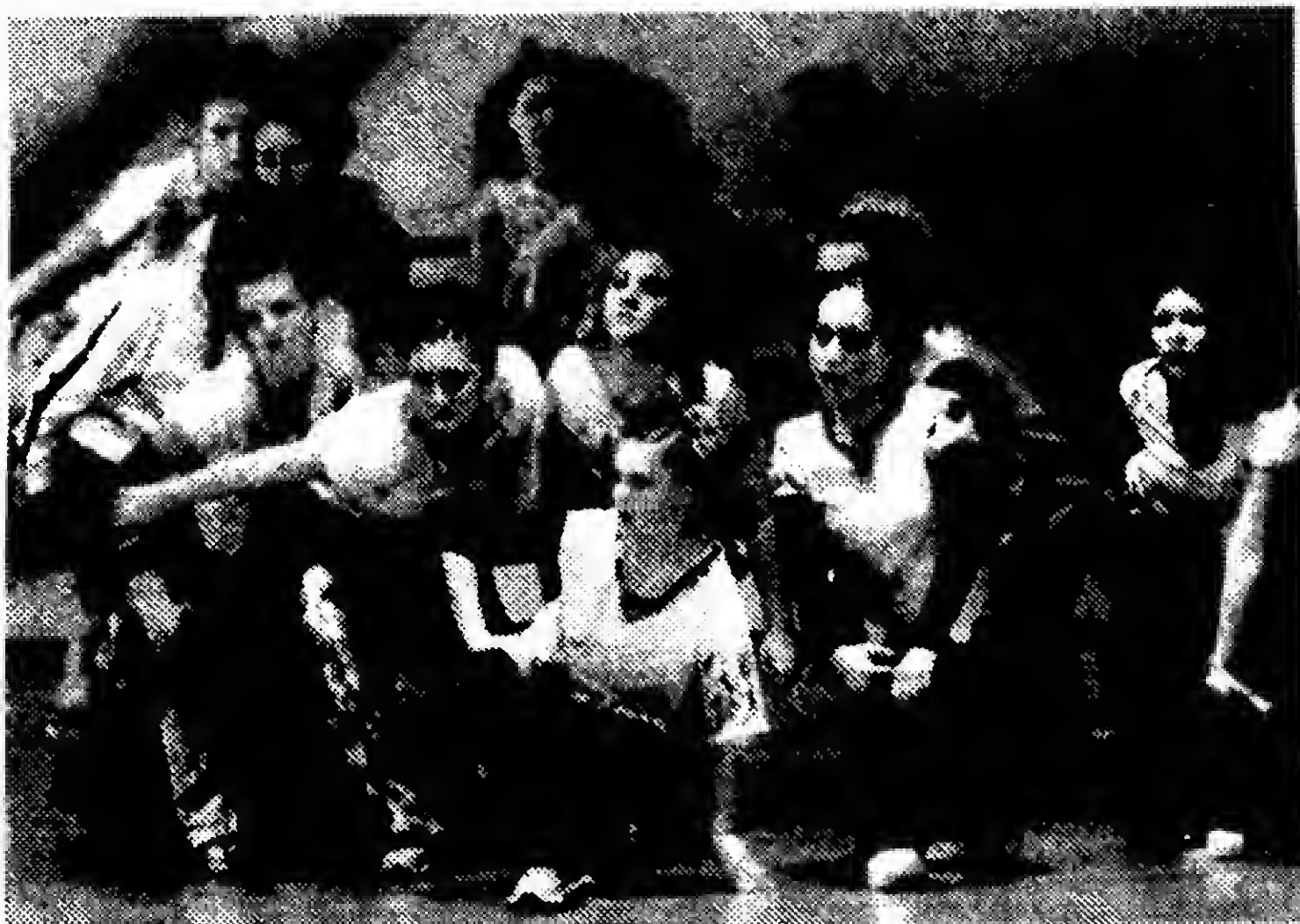
"No matter how bad conditions are in the street the cars just fly by you like you're standing still," he remarked.

"People should really slow down and please drive carefully," said the mayor.

Oak Lawn News

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a trip to see "La Traviata" performed at the Lyric Opera of Chicago on Friday, January 24. An in-person registration will be held 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec 14 at the Oak Lawn Public Library.

The bus will depart at 6 p.m. and return at midnight. After the in-person registration closes, call (708) 422-4990.



The Peace girls dance group will perform for the public on Dec. 14th and 15th at Queen of Peace High School.

Peace Dance Company to perform

The Peace Dance Company of Queen of Peace High School will present their dance performance "Different Steps...One Dance" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Through the artistry of dance, 80 student performers will celebrate the uniqueness of each person while expressing the elements that connect all humankind. Dances are choreographed by students, dance teacher Elaine Whitehouse, of Bridgeport, and professional choreographers. The performance is at Queen of Peace, 7659 S. Linder, in Burbank. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, call (708) 458-7600, Ext. 479.



Like a chameleon, the grouper can change its color to blend with its surroundings.

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Founders Bank business after hours

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce and Founders Bank will host a "Business After Hours" networking event Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the bank facility, 10515 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn. Participants may enjoy "Supper by the Bite" in the company of the Oak Lawn business community. For reservations, call the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300.

Military relief fund seeks contributions

Illinois citizens can contribute to a special fund to help the families of military personnel called to active duty because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. This legislation is sponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley. House Bill 2742 creates an income tax checkoff for the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund.

"Income tax checkoffs are an easy way for citizens to contribute to causes they support," said O'Malley. "The Illinois Military Family Relief Fund will be administered by the Illinois Department of Military Affairs, which may make grants to families of members of the Armed Forces reserves who have left their homes to serve our country," he said.

The Illinois Military Family Relief Fund income tax checkoff will start with the 2003 tax year because the 2002 tax forms are already at the printer.

The 18th district senator says income tax checkoffs for charitable causes first appeared on the Illinois individual income tax return for the 1983 tax year. Legislation provided that taxpayers who had refunds coming from the state could donate up to \$10 of that refund to any or all of the causes listed on the return. Joint filers could each donate \$10 per cause.

Follow-up legislation in 1986 required that checkoff causes attract at least \$100,000 in donations in order to remain on the return for subsequent years. Effective Jan. 1, 1990, all taxpayers could donate and there is no maximum for donations.

Any taxpayer wishing to contribute does so by indicating the amount on the form, which then either increases the amount due or decreases the amount of the refund. Any fund that doesn't receive \$100,000 by Oct. 1 is then taken off of the form for subsequent years.

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John and Ray Lazarra have done wonders with Drury Lane Theatre and Martinique Restaurant. The food at the Martinique is out of this world. It's not like eating usual banquet food. The plays and concerts along with the Ice Extravaganza show presents a love of theatre and entertainment equal to the North Side and Downtown Chicago. Congrats to both of them for their unique talents.

Nadine Vorenkamp is a regular at Green Dolphin Street, Lexy's and Gentry. It's for that reason - while performing at Vittum Theater recently - she began her concert singing "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." Nadine is proficient in jazz, contemporary, and opera. Her vocal are clear, crisp and melodic. She has a great range and understands that particular usage of communicating with the audience.

In the year 2000, Nadine was selected to participate in the National Cabaret Symposium where she performed

with Margret Whiting and Julie Wilson. She has performed with big bands, sang jazz with the greatest, sang for musical theatre to classical cantatas to pop-standard. She recently gave the most outstanding concert for more than 150 plus people at Northwestern's Vittum Theatre, 1012 N. Noble in Chicago. She was invited to perform at one of the inaugural ball dinners in January for the newly elected governor.

St. Martin's graduates from the classes of 1928, 1929 and 1930 are pictured here with some of the regular monthly at-

tendees, namely, Augie, Jerry Ricardo, Marie, Bob Schmitz, Larry, Pat Lenz and classmates.

The above mentioned are only a few of the many interested people attending the monthly get togethers. They represent those either attending St. Martin's or living within the neighborhood of 59th & Princeton. They meet on the last Monday of every month at Hackney's Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. for cocktails and lunch. Call, Village View Newspaper at (708) 423-9754 for more information.

Congrats to Sister Mary Ventura, O.P. from St. Bernadette's Parish in Evergreen Park. Sister's Mary's work in Essential Learning Solutions Lab was ranked third in terms of students' success of the 1,500 ELS labs located throughout the U.S. and abroad. The lab has achieved exemplary lab status, the highest award possible to earn.

Congrats also to the campaign and efforts for the new gym for St. Bernadette's parish in Evergreen. The campaign goal is \$800,000 and they have a pledged a commitment from 292 parishioners for \$642,000. The gym looks good with a little more help.

Professional Women's Network holiday party

The Professional Women's Network (PWN), a local organization for professional businesswomen, will host their 2nd Annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Alsip, 5000 W. 127th Street. Burkinshaw at (708) 534-4929.



Peter S. Connelly of Hickory Hills will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout ceremony

Peter S. Connelly of Hickory Hills will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony to be held at Calvary Memorial Church, Palos Hills, Illinois on Dec. 1, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Peter joined St. Mary Star of the Sea Cub Scout Troop 4441 in 1992 and in 1995 transferred to Troop 4728 in Hickory Hills. He later advanced to Boy Scout Troop 728 chartered to Calvary Memorial Church.

To earn scouting's highest honor, Peter had to earn 21 merit badges, serve as a leader in his troop and complete a major community service project. For his Eagle Project, Peter organized the refurbishing of a field for the Hickory Hills Youth Baseball Association. Over 20 youth and adult Boy Scouts helped complete the project.

In 2000, Peter spent the summer at Owasippe Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, Michigan as a counselor-in-training. For the last two summers, Peter has worked as a counselor at Owasippe. He has served his troop as Patrol leader and instructor. Peter is also the vice-presi-

dent of the Venture Crew 2728, a co-ed group of scouts.

Peter has also played on basketball teams for St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. Patricia and Stagg High School. He has also been a member of

the Sagg Water Polo team for the last two years. He is a member of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and is involved in the Snowball and Snowflake Retreat Programs.

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***Water Signs:** It is time that you evaluate your "spiritual life" and perhaps do some study to get more insight to what it all means to you personally. Be more selective and discriminating in love, in friendship and in dealing with the people you work with. G and J involved, Aquarius people and money issues too.

***Earth Signs:** Don't be selfish, let others into your life and live your life more open minded. Other people will not always agree with you so let them have their say. You might be looking for Ms. or Mr. Right One, and can find that person quit unexpectedly while "shopping." J and G involved and Leo born people.

***Fire Signs:** You are more "versatile" than you think. Practice at being calmer and don't let life's trials get you down. You cannot hold back the ocean with your bare hands, so don't try! Be enthusiastic in your work and others will see the value of what you do and want to join you. Pisces involved and an E or a W.

***Air Signs:** Show how firm you can be in your opinions and actions. Still, you need to involve other people in what you are doing, and not shut them out. Tension has been high and you may not have been feeling up to par. Take complete control by changing what needs changing. D involved and Scorpio's.

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Edison Retirement Club meeting

At a recent meeting of the Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago, Catherine O'Connor, Civil Engineer of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, was the scheduled speaker. The meeting was held at the Oak View Center, board room, board room, 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn. Pictured is Catherine O'Connor with Fred Gothman, Vice President (left) and Jorry King, President of Commonwealth Edison Retirees (right).

children's HEALTH

New Approach Targets Underlying Causes Of Teen Smoking

(NAPS)—A sophisticated, high-tech twist on the old saying, "where there's smoke, there's fire," may prove to be a promising new weapon in the battle to stop teen smoking, as well as other dangerous risks faced by America's children. Rather than focusing on the health risks or the physical aspects of nicotine addiction, this new approach focuses on helping teens work through the underlying anxieties, depression, peer issues and personal problems that lead to their smoking in the first place.

Based on 120 years of work with kids, the national children's crisis charity KidsPeace developed a Web site, www.TeenCentral.net, which helps older children and teens to deal with the pressures and crises of growing up. The new Quit Smoking section of the site gives practical, step-by-step guidelines and activities to help teens break the emo-

tional and psychological bonds that tie them to smoking, such as depression or the failure to fit in. This is a key aspect that warnings, nicotine patches or gum simply can't address.

"This new approach holds tremendous promise because it works on the total child," said KidsPeace President and CEO C.T. O'Donnell II. "Because it offers concrete methods to physically quit smoking, along with clinical advice that addresses the emotional need to smoke, the new Quit Smoking section of TeenCentral.net will work to save the minds and bodies of today's children."

The Quit Smoking section of TeenCentral.net provides practical information and activities to help teens identify what may have led to smoking, such as peer pressure, depression or low self-esteem. These issues can then be tackled in TeenCentral.net's main pages.

Square dancers christmas dinner dance

Swing'n Sugar Squares Dance Club-Evergreen Park will host a Christmas Dinner Dance on Thursday, Dec. 12, at Landmark Restaurant, 6800 Archer, Bridgeview. Experienced square dancers are invited to come and dance. For more information, please call Hazel Conroyd at (708) 444-7364, Hank Leenstra at (773) 238-5496 or Helen Hamilton at (773) 735-7638.

Swing'n Sugar Squares of Evergreen Park is one of six square dance club in the Chicago south area. B'n'B Flossmoor and Country Bumpkins dance in Homewood Happy Swingers dance in Chicago Heights, Midlothian Squares dance in Midlothian, and Joliet Squares dance in Joliet. Modern square dancing is a mental and physical challenge. It is dancing, it is thinking, it is teamwork. Moving in rhythm to the music keeps one physically fit. Reacting quickly to the square dance caller's calls keeps everyone mentally alert. And the square of eight dancers depends on each other.

Anger is not an argument.

—Daniel Webster

Learning the basic steps is easy. Classes last for several months and experienced square dance callers teach the moves and the names of the calls. Those calls are practiced until they feel as natural as walking.

Modern square dancing has an American heritage. The ancestors of this dance came to America with the earliest settlers. It is as American as barbecues and ice cream socials.

Perhaps some think they know square dancing from school days, but this is not an old dance routine. There is new music and there are new dance steps. Modern square dancers dance in school halls, church halls, resorts and cruise ships. There are square dance clubs in all of the United States. Square dancers travel and start clubs all over the world, including Japan, Sweden and Germany. All calls are in English. There is no better way for active, contemporary people to meet each other and build a circle of friends.

Square dancing gives that "great-to-be-alive" feeling by combining a healthy atmosphere and stimulating exercise with fun and many good times as a by-product. Square dancing is here to stay as evidenced by more than three million adult couples dancing regularly in square dance clubs in the U.S. alone. Square dancing is the official folkdance of Illinois.

One of the most helpful sections of the site is the story-sharing component. Teens can enter stories of their daily struggles and successes and read the similar stories of others. Trained KidsPeace clinicians respond with advice for the writer.

"TeenCentral.net's Quit Smoking initiative, coupled with its general advice on issues teens face every day, ensures we are helping teens face their issues comprehensively," said Ginger Papp and Julius Licata, co-managers of TeenCentral.net.

TeenCentral.net, which is receiving some two million hits a month and has helped teens from 70 countries, every state in America and U.S. military bases overseas, focuses on providing teens with an individualized, safe resource while maintaining their anonymity. Through a revolutionary "profile builder," the site identifies kids' demographics and problem issues and associates them with a nontraceable code name. The site then identifies appropriate resources, information and stories to help kids with their unique issues. Helpful information is provided on topics including parents' divorce, family problems, violence and losing someone close, depression, alcohol and drugs, peer pressure and personal problems.

Obituary

The Journey of Motherhood

By Annette Dixon

The story started long ago for those who believe Jesus had a mother named Mary. She was the example of motherhood for most Christians and when one wanted help during their reign as mother, one would call upon Mary for help. This is the story Mary Kay Blake lived her life by — following the guidance of Jesus's mother, Mary.

Mary Kay Mitchell Blake grew up on the southside of Chicago and attended to Our Lady of Longwood Academy with her sister Mary Therese Mitchell Singraber. Both sisters excelled in academics and extracurricular activities.

It was during a travel at a resort when she met William Blake who later became her husband. His career — Chicago Fire-fighter — left Mary Kay raising eight children. I don't mean for this story to sound as though Bill was always at the firehouse. He also did part-time carpentry with the boys.

The family and friends spent most of their summers at Sister's Lake, MI, where a few of the boys have their summer homes. Mary Kay spoke of the happenings as the years progressed

such as water polo for all the sons at Mount Carmel, and football for Greg at St. Bedes. We heard the stories of Mary Ann Blake McCann from grammar school which all the children went to St. Bedes to McAuley for the girls. Of the eight children two are girls, Mary Ann and Therese (Terry).

We, meaning the Looney Tuners of St. Bede, eighteen original women would entertain at various institutions and shopping malls. We accomplished this because of Mary Kay Blake. She was our artistic director, choreographer, musical director, sound person, writer and set designer. This all took place for 26 years.

I tried very hard to find out where all her talents stemmed from but was told by Terry that she studied ballet.

Mary Kay died on November 26, 2002 at age 69. She had a whole life ahead of her but we all knew that this was her second round. Over ten years ago she was diagnosed with a tumor in the aorta and

her life was endangered then. But the Looney Tuner Band still went on and when she gained her strength, Mary Kay returned.

During the funeral mass at St. Bede's Church, I listened to the words of Father Brian mentioning several times that Mary Kay prepared her whole life to preserves and garnish strength through her religion. I feel it was through the Blessed Mother.

After we had retired from the Looney Tuners Band, I had met Mary Kay at church at gatherings or other wakes of various band members who also died at an early age. We lost seven members of our band and Mary Kay died a thousand times knowing she would be next. Even though she knew this, she would also hold her head up high and never discuss her health or feelings about the subject. She would always talk about the nice things that her children were accomplishing or about each grandchild being born.

It is true Mary Kay was wife, mother, grandmother, sister and Looney Tuner member and friend. The Looney's practised every Monday night and performed three times a week in the early days. That lasted for 10 years, then we dwindled the performance down to two a week without Monday night's practise. In thick or thin, Mary Kay was always at band. She dedicated her life to the Looneys for 26 years.

She put together seven unique show themes which each consisted of one hour of entertainment. The show themes were set to each season and would take place every four or five years. We took summers off to rest. The hard work was mainly for Mary Kay because she would spend hours and days preparing for the show, then teaching us the numbers, individually and as a group.

This story is my way of giving back something of importance to a very important person.

In ending the eulogy I'm going to quote Father and her daughter, Mary Ann and Mary Kay's own words. Father said Mary Kay is giving her own homily for she wrote a short note for 26 of her grandchildren which was read at the funeral mass for the first time. All the children were like angels all through

mass, so well behaved. They each individually stood up when there names were called.

Mary Ann said, "I can only say I'm going to miss my mother so much, she was my best friend. She was with me for everything I ever did. When I had the shower, she waited until it was over and then said, take me to the hospital." That was over 10 years ago, Mary Ann was also with the Looney Tuner Band as narrator of the Christmas show, frosty the snowman, or whatever part was needed. Now for the finale," Mary Kay said, "I have fought the good fight (I think) and somehow now at this stage, no matter what the outcome, I feel I have won."

My homily — for everything there is a season. I want my family to move on with their lives, and realize that everything is for a reason. Have no regrets. Everybody did everything they could. I love you all and will still be with you."

Remember your loved ones

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Mary Kathryn A. Blake Born April 9, 1933 • Died November 26, 2002

Art for the People

Art for the people is an important and beautiful new book that documents the preservation and history of 437 murals rediscovered in public schools throughout Chicago, representing the greatest concentration of historical murals in the country. A significant reference, it tells an inspiring, behind-the-scenes story about the largest, one-of-a-kind mural preservation project ever undertaken in the U.S., involving the Chicago Preservation Society, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Conservation Center, the Polk Brothers Foundation, the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, and numerous other caring individuals and agencies who donated time, funds, and effort toward a single goal. This unique undertaking is the parent of various complementary educational programs and now stands as a model for similar programs in other parts of the country.

Mural painting has long been the orphan child in the family of visual arts. It tends

to be a very social and political medium, limited to a specific message dictated by its public space and a like-minded committee. Because it cannot be auctioned off, toured, or transported to new owners, it stays put and often ends up neglected and forgotten. There was a time when America's artists were being similarly neglected, but then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt reached office and initiated a "New Deal for the forgotten man." For the first time in American History, the government supported a national program for the arts, and during the Great Depression, American society was in desperate need of revitalization. The WPA (Works Progress Administration) searched for a "usable past" in nationalist art, and murals were commissioned to represent a strong economic future. They depicted national heroes, triumphs, and Americans engaged in productive work. They included such themes as perspiring factory workers, farmers plowing fields, the evolution of writing, and a contemplative Abraham Lincoln or a serious Mark Twain. Art for the People includes work by such talents as Edward Millman, William Edouard Scott, Mitchell Siporin, Lucille Waard (Robinson), Rudolph Weisenborn, and Hans Werner.

Breakfast with Santa

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, will hold their annual breakfast with Santa and Cookie Sale, Dec. 14 2002 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Santa should arrive about 10:00 a.m. On the menu is eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, toast, etc., all for a "Free Will Offering." There will also be beets, jams and craft items for sale. Start your Christmas shopping early. Fring the whole family. For more information, you may call (708) 599-4025.



Young eagles don't have feathers that match their parents' until they are about four years old.

A fascinating history, Art for the People includes over 250 images and essays by artists, historians, curators, and others close to either the project or the original programs. The result of this wonderful collaboration is a well-rounded examination, one that includes a view of the civic climate and historic context of 1904-1943, biographies of the muralist — including exhibition listings, and profiles of each school and mural. Details include the address, architect, date, artist, condition, medium, size, description, and conservation technique. Art for the people brings to light once again these magnificent historic works that spoke for the resilience and idealism of the American people, sharing them with new and future generations. The author, Heather Becker is vice-president of the Chicago Conservation Center, the largest private art conservation facility in the country. Besides being an author, she is also an artist, historian, and educator. The book costs 29.95 for Paperback and \$45 for Hardcover.

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Holiday make-ahead appetizers put you a step ahead

Take the hassle out of the holiday entertaining dilemma! Host an appetizer party! Sara Reddington, director of the Beef and Veal Culinary Center of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, suggests a combination of convenient purchased items along with one or two homemade.

Choose a recipe such as Mini Holiday Beef Crescents. Make these flavorful tidbits with prepared refrigerated pie crust, cut into wedges, and then topped with a ground beef, dried tart cherry, pepper-jack cheese filling. Roll-up, bake and freeze! A quick reheating is all you need at party time.

Another time-honored party favorite is meatballs and dip, a hit with kids and adults, depending on the dip! Reddington saves time by starting with heat-and-serve frozen beef meatballs. The biggest decision is what to dip them in! That's simple, too, because there are myriad prepared options from which to choose. More basic choices include barbecue sauce, marinara sauce, nacho cheese sauce or ranch dressing. For more sophisticated

palates choose Thai peanut sauce, blue cheese dressing and salsa.

Add purchased mixed olives, seasoned nuts, cheeses, fruits, crudites with dip, marinated mushrooms and artichokes from the super market to round out the menu.

And, don't forget dessert. Decorated holiday cookies help carry out the festive theme. Brownie bites, dusted with confectioners' sugar will satisfy the craving for chocolate. Eggnog? Purchase it, pour into a pitcher or punch bowl, sprinkle with freshly grated nutmeg and you're set.

Finally remember what a difference a garnish makes. Reddington says take some tips from chefs. A sprinkling of chopped parsley, chives or bell pepper does wonders to enliven a presentation. Sprinkle dip with minced chives or the rim of a crudite platter with minced parsley. Star fruit slices make a natural garnish for a fruit tray. Add a sprig of rosemary or thyme to mixed olives - you get the idea!

Most of all, plan foods that you will feel good about preparing and serving to your

guests, and of course that they will enjoy eating!

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1-1/2 cups shredded jalapeno pepper cheese or Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped dried cherries
- 2 tablespoons apple juice
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1-1/2 packages (15 ounces each) refrigerated pie crusts (3 crusts)
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon water

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Brown ground beef in 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is not pink, breaking up into small crumbles. Pour off drippings. Stir in cheese, cherries, juice, cumin and garlic powder set aside.

2. Cut each pie crust into 12 wedges. Place 1 packed, rounded tablespoon beef mixture on wide end of each wedge. Beginning at wide ends, roll up wedges; curve ends to form crescents. Place 1 inch apart on 2 greased baking sheets.

3. Combine egg and water in

small bowl. Lightly brush over tops of crescents. Bake in 400 F oven 15 to 18 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Cook's Tip: To make crescents ahead, prepare and bake as directed; cool. Wrap tightly; freeze for up to 2 weeks. To reheat place on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake in 350 F oven 12 to 13 minutes or until heated.



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The custom of hanging up mistletoe at Christmas dates back to the Druids, an ancient people of Britain.



Judy Baar Topinka Spoke at Dinner

Juan A. Ochoa, President and CEO of the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce (MACC) welcomed guest speaker Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka to the 12th Annual Award & Scholarship Dinner "Driving the New Economy" hosted by the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce at the Drake Hotel in downtown Chicago. Since its inception in 1990, the MACC has been the principal voice of Illinois's Hispanic business community. Today the MACC is at the forefront of Illinois's business community as an active partner in various project throughout the city, county and state. Photo Credit: Teresa J. Potasiak

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Garden club hosts Christmas lunch

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IRS reminds taxpayers to reduce taxes

As the end of the year quickly approaches, the Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers that they may be able to use their losses in the stock market to reduce their tax burden. Generally, realized capital losses are first against realized capital gains. Any excess losses can be deducted against ordinary income up to \$3,000 (\$1,500 if married filing separately) on line 13 of Form 1040. Losses in excess of this limit can be carried forward to later years to reduce capital gains or ordinary income until the balance of these losses is used up.

A "paper loss" - a drop in an investment's value below its purchase price - does not qualify for this deduction. The loss must be realized through the asset's sale or exchange.

Capital gains and losses on the sale or trade of investments are classified as either short-term (the property has been held for one year or less) or long-term (the property has been held longer than one year) on Schedule D of Form 1040. Though these two categories of capital gains and losses are subject to different rates in the event of a net gain, a net capital loss resulting from either category is directly deductible from ordinary income up to the annual limit.

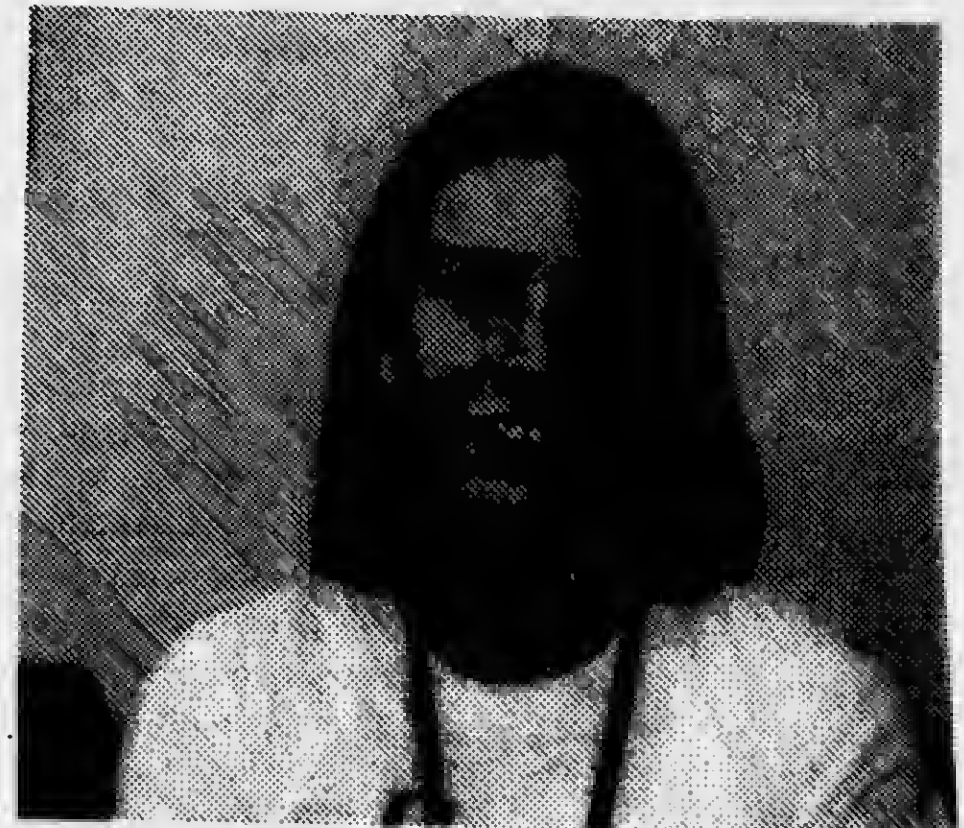
This provision of law often works to the taxpayer's advantage, yielding greater relief for losses than if an applicable long-term capital gains tax rate were used. Generally, capital gains rates are lower than the rates on ordinary income. For example, if a taxpayer in the 27-percent tax bracket had a net long-term capital gain on stocks of \$2,000, the tax due from the gain would be calculated at the 20-percent capital gains rate for a total of \$400. But if the individual's ordinary rate of 27 percent, for a \$540 reduction in taxes.

Taxpayers seeking more information on how to reduce their tax bill by deducting stock and investment losses can get help from IRS Pub. 544, "Sales and Other Dispositions of Assets," IRS Pub. 564, "Mutual Fund Distributions," and IRS Pub.

550, "Investment Income and Expenses (Including Capital Gains and Losses)." These three publications are available at www.irs.gov or by calling (800) 829-3676.

Taxpayers who have experienced other types of financial losses may be able to take advantage of other provisions of tax law and can find help in the following publications: Pub. 547, "Casualties, Disasters, and Thefts"; Pub. 527, "Residential Rental Property (Including Rental of Vacation Homes)"; Pub. 536, "Net Operating Losses (NOLs) for Individuals, Estates and trusts."

White named commended student

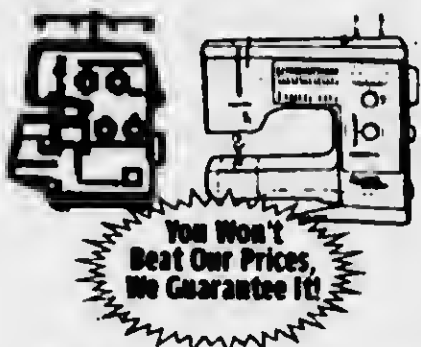


Candace White, a senior from Richards High School in Oak Lawn, has been named a Commended Student in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Corporation Program. White scored in the top five percent of the more than 1 million high school students who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last spring. White, a resident of Oak Lawn, plans to study political science, pre-law or international studies next year at either the Duke University, the University of California-Berkeley, Ohio State University, or New York University. At Richards, White has participated in Class Officers (senior class vice president), National Honor Society, student council, Science Club, and cheerleading.

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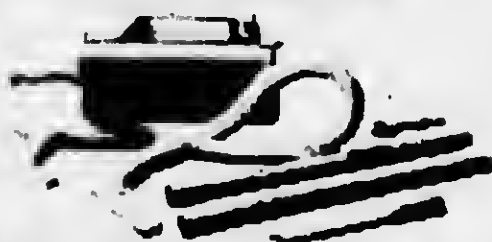


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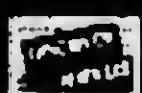
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Southwest side celebrates simbang gabi 2002



Simbang Gabi 2001 Celebration: Davy & Lucy Derong in Native Filipino wear along with other participants with the theme of "the Family" at St. Bernadette: Evergreen Park.

By: Marijo Doody

Simbang Gabi is a significant tradition of Filipino Catholics. Symbols connected are the star lantern and the nativity set, introduced from the tradition begun by St. Francis of Assisi in 1223. This year the Office of Ethnic Ministries has expanded the celebration to include other ethnic and racial groups.

Simbang Gabi will celebrated from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23. On the Southwest Side there are nine churches partaking in the celebration all beginning at 7:00 p.m. The celebration is to joyfully celebrate the birthday of Christ and a call to open our hearts as an individual, family and community to the spirit of national and international tolerance in this period of history, as all Americans look forward to holiday times.

Service dates and churches partaking are as follows:

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Dec. 15 St. Elizabeth Seaton 9300 167th St, Orland Hills, IL; Dec. 16, St Fabian 8300 Thomas Ave. Bridgeview; Dec. 17 St. Damien 5220 155th St. Oak Forest; Dec. 18, St Gerald 9349 Central Ave. Oak Lawn; Dec. 19, St. Julie Billiard 7399 W. 159th St. Tinley Park; Dec. 20, St. Patricia 9000 S. 86th Ave. Hickory Hills; Dec. 21, St. Bernadette 9443 S. Francisco Evergreen Park; Dec. 22, St. Lawrence O' Toole: 4101 Lawrence Ave. Matheson; Dec. 23, Our Lady of the Woods 10731 W. 131 St. Orland Park.

A Children's procession will take place, with crib, mantle, candles, flowers, and individual symbols for the celebration theme "The Peoples of God and Universe." Music presented will be in both English and the Filipino dialect. The choir consists of persons from various professional areas. Angie Libunao is the Administrator for the Southwest Fil-Am Community. For information, contact Angie at (708) 460-5631. Rev. Al Salera is Spiritual Director. He is formerly from St. Bernadette: Evergreen Park.

Discussion Groups in Library

The friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, Sept. through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in their conference room. Reading material is available in advance. Everyone is welcome to participate.

A short story discussion group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. They will meet Dec. 11 to discuss two works by James Thurber, "The Macbeth Murder Mystery" and "University Days," and Jan 8 for "Maiden in a Tower" by Wallace Stegner. Copies of these short stories may be picked up on month in advance at the fiction desk.

A book discussion group meets the fourth Wed of the month at 1 p.m. Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no meeting in December. They will meet Jan. 22 to discuss "The Winer of Our Discontent" by John Steinbeck. Copies of this book may be checked out one month in advance at the circulation desk.

News from the First United Methodist Church

The 13th annual cookie walk will be held at the first United Methodist Church, 94th St. & Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, on Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 10 a.m. Hundreds of Christmas and other homemade fancy cookies will be available for your selection. Numbers will be distributed starting at 9:00 a.m. Cookies will be sold by the pound. Shop early. Don't be left out. Also available will be the entertainment 2003 coupon books for all Chicagoland areas for only \$20.00 and Church Cook Books featuring favorite recipes of church members for only \$5.00. For additional information about church activities during Advent, call the church (708) 422-8451 or call (708) 422-1059.

Entertainment 2003 coupon books, sold at the First United Methodist Church, will solve your Christmas giving for someone who has everything.

Books for all Chicagoland areas can be purchased at the church office between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call (708) 424-4690 to reserve area books.

A musical celebrating the birth of the Messiah, "A Song Was Born at Christmas" will be presented at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, on Sunday Dec. 15, at the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Over 40 vocal and instrumental musicians will perform under the directions of Amy Lynn Kazan, with Norma Stuart at the grand piano. Pastor Char Hoffmann will narrate the cantata. Church activities are open to all those who wish to celebrate the season. Candlelight Christmas Eve celebrations will be held at 4:00 p.m. with the Sanctuary Choir and at 11:00 p.m. with the Praise Band.

No blood pressure screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will not hold blood pressure screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library during the month of Dec. This free monthly program resumes on the second Wednesday of every month January 8 at 1-3 p.m.

The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy. For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Hospital (708) 346-3289, or the library, (708) 422-4990.



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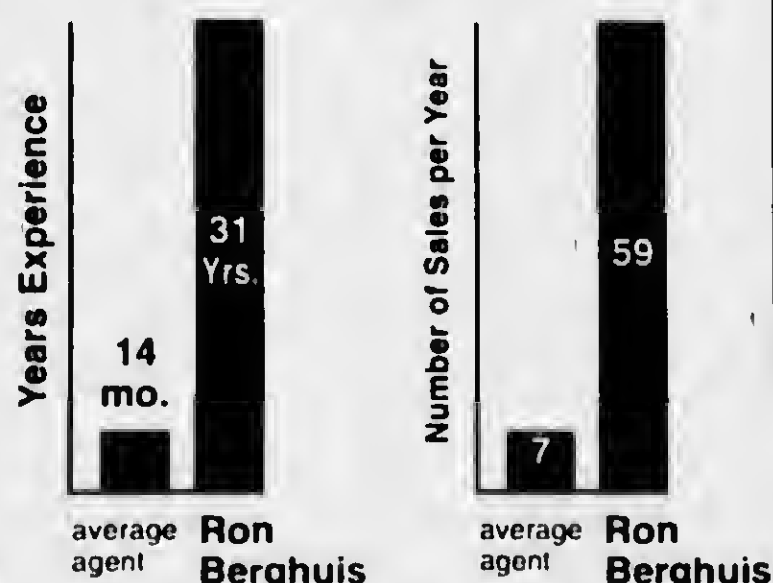
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Pegasus Players selects plays

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Cervone graduates basic training

James V. Cervone, son of Sylvia Perez of S. Moody Ave., has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Cervone is also a 2002 graduate of Brother Rice High School.

During the six weeks of training, Cervone studied the Air Force mission, organizations and military customs and courtesies. He also performed drill and ceremony marches, received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

Cervone along with all airmen who complete basic training will earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Locals assigned to USS Kitty Hawk

Mark A. Sikes, Chester Bobak Jr. and Alonzo D. Baker, recently departed to the Western Pacific region while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

They will conduct training exercises with regional allies in the Western Pacific and be able to respond to emergent national tasking where needed.

Carriers, like the USS Kitty Hawk, are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Rackow talks about stereotypes to 8th grade class



Dick Rackow, associate professor and department chair of Mechanical Technologies at Moraine Valley, tries to eradicate the stereotype that only men can pursue careers in automotive technology. Moraine Valley recently hosted a visit from area grade school students who toured the college campus to investigate careers in non-traditional employment categories. Eighth graders from Charles J. Sahs School in Stickney, Willow Springs School in Willow Springs, and Worth Junior High School in Worth explored the Moraine Valley campus to learn about automotive mechanics, construction, digital art, criminal justice, office system/Web developing, recreation therapy, 3-D computer animation, health and nursing. More than 150 students from the three schools visited the Moraine Valley campus for this event.

Health hints

Migraine Headaches: Help Is Available

(NAPS)—Fewer migraine headaches—and faster relief when they do occur—is in store for millions of Americans, according to a study just published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Potentially disabling and severely painful migraines afflict 28 million people in the U.S. alone, many migraines are under-treated. Migraine is a chronic condition with recurrent attacks that may occur as often as once or twice a week. Symptoms include: severe, throbbing pain, often felt on one side of the head; nausea, with or without vomiting; sensitivity to light and sound; and an aura—a disturbance in vision consisting of brightly colored or blinking lights in a pattern that moves across the field of vision.

Clinical guidelines from both the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine and the American Academy of Family Physicians suggest that migraine can be treated successfully with aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen sodium, and acetaminophen combined with aspirin and caffeine. If the sufferer doesn't respond to those agents, migraine-specific agents known as triptans and DHE should be used next. The guidelines say that these are the only drugs proven to help relieve migraine symptoms. In addition, proper migraine treatment includes treating the headache rapidly and consistently to avoid recurrence and to get functioning again.

Some steps you should take:



Migraine pain can be prevented or reduced. See your internist.

1. See your internist. Don't try to self-medicate your condition; get your headaches properly diagnosed and be a part of the diagnosis. Patients do better when they are actively involved in managing their care.

2. Some migraines can be prevented or significantly reduced if certain medications are used. You may be a candidate for a preventive medicine if you have two or more attacks a month lasting three or more days. Several new migraine treatments have become available over the past decade. You should discuss these with your internist.

3. Be involved in your treatment. Identify and avoid migraine triggers, such as certain foods, and track your progress through daily flow sheets or diaries.

Remember, migraine headaches can be prevented or reduced. See your internist. To learn more about migraine headaches and how to treat them, visit www.doctorsforadults.com.

Be bold and mighty powers will come to your aid.
—Basil King



Earthworms get air from spaces between particles of soil. When it rains, earthworms come to the surface to avoid drowning!



The largest crabs in the world, which stand three feet high and often weigh as much as 30 pounds, live off the coast of Japan.

Holiday Hints

How To Survive The Holiday Party Season—And Remain Pain-Free

(NAPS)—Office and other holiday parties don't have to be a painful obligation, nor should they become so much fun that your reputation is jeopardized. Follow this simple holiday party survival guide:

Pain-free party planning
Planning early will reduce stress and increase your guests' enjoyment.

- Cook and set up early. Decide the menu and get the groceries several days before the party. Plan what can be cooked the day before. Set up early, so you're not still preparing as guests arrive.

- Keep the conversation flowing. Making guests feel comfortable can be tough. For guests who enjoy wine, serving a nice Merlot can help break the ice. Also, help guests get to know each other by having games available. Books that reminisce about an era in which many of the guests grew up are a good way to start conversation.

- Give guests pain-preventing party favors. One recent survey shows it takes an average of 3.2 drinks to cause hangover symptoms. Another reveals that 77 percent of women who drink wine suffer from wine headaches. To help your guests avoid these common, painful side effects, give Chaser Freedom from Hangovers and Chaser for Wine Headaches as party favors. These all-natural supplements absorb hangover and headache-causing elements in beer, wine and liquor. Chaser is available by calling 1-888-960-9495 or visiting www.doublechaser.com.

- Keep safety first. For



Drink responsibly—watching your alcohol intake prevents hangover pain and a reputation.

those guests who drink, be sure to arrange a designated driver system or have the number for a taxi service handy.

Surviving the office holiday party

It is possible to make a good impression on the boss and have fun at the same time.

- Drink responsibly. It's okay to have a few drinks and cut loose with your boss. Just monitor your alcohol intake and don't overdo it. A tarnished reputation doesn't go over well in the office the next morning. Neither does a hangover. Keep that bottle of Chaser handy.

- Be gracious. The company probably went to some trouble to give employees a nice party. Be sure to be courteous to everyone, particularly the bosses and those who were involved in the party planning.

- Relax. Show off your funny side. Tell some jokes. Just know when it's time to sit back and let the spotlight shine on someone else.

Following these simple tips nearly ensures a happy, pain-free holiday season.

Designing Great Gifts

(NAPS)—Picture this: Make your photographs worth a thousand words.

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Regardless of a person's computer proficiency, iPrint.com user interface makes the site a cinch to use. Plus, its "proofing" features let users see exactly how their finished designs look before printing, and the site lets them review orders before they buy.

The Web site operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and guarantees delivery to customers' homes—making it a "one stop shop" for personalized gifts.

For more information, visit www.iPrint.com

Web Watch

(NAPS)—Over 50 percent of Americans don't take their medication as directed. You can take the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Pharmacy Care Quiz at www.GetRxHealthy.com to check your medication IQ and get instant tips on how to partner with your pharmacist to improve your health.

By investing in new technologies, the coal-based electricity industry has been able to improve environmental quality while continuing to supply low-cost electricity. In many ways, coal makes low-cost electricity possible. The price paid for electricity depends largely on fuel costs. Abundant supplies of American coal help keep coal prices remarkably low and stable. Unlike other fossil fuels used for electricity generation, coal prices have changed little since the 1980s. To learn more about the role coal plays in U.S. environmental policy, visit www.ceednet.org.

For the second consecutive



year, the country's most talented canines will compete for \$250,000 prize money at the nationally televised AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational Championship. Presented by The American Kennel Club (AKC) and The Iams Company, the show will air on Animal Planet Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003. Dog shows combine the thrill of watching beautiful show dogs in action. Because they offer a little something for everyone, their popularity has skyrocketed—with the number of dogs competing in shows jumping from 40,000 in 1930 to more than 1.5 million in 2001. To find out more about dog shows, visit www.akc.org or www.eukanuba.com.



The word telegraph comes from the Greek words *tele*, which means "afar" and *graphein*, meaning "to write."



The largest fish is the whale shark, which weighs more than twice as much as an African elephant!

Call to advertise in the December 31st Issue and 10% will go to the Oak Lawn Children's Museum

Commissioner Opening

The Oak Lawn Park District has announced that there will be three elected positions open for commissioners in the 2003 election, which will be held Tuesday, April 1. Two positions are for six-year terms of office, and one position is for two years.

Petitions now are available at the park district's business office, located at 9400 S. Kenton Ave. in Oak Lawn. Completed petitions must be submitted to that office during the period Monday, Jan. 13, through Tuesday, Jan. 21. For more information, call (708) 857-2225 or e-mail info@olparks.com

Evergreen Park Library News

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites children (age 8 and up with an adult) to a special program on Tuesday,

Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. EP resident, May Mesco, will teach us how to fold paper cranes, which are a symbol of hope. You will also learn about the significance of cranes in the Japanese culture and the story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes written by Eleanor Coerr.

The Evergreen Park Public, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites children (age 3 and under) to a special musical program on Monday, Dec. 9 at 10:00 a.m. EP resident, mother, and musician Madonna Pufunt returns to sing songs for the very young. This is a wonderful program for babies and toddlers. To register, call 422-8522

The library invites children (age 3 to Grade 2) to join us on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m. for a special holiday program. Please register at 422-8522 for our Frosty Elf and Fairy Festival where you will play pixie games, make crafts, and listen to stories suited for all elves and fairies. You can wear your wings or come as you are!

The library invites children (Grades 3 to 6) to a special program on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 3:30 p.m. Celebrate the Wright Brothers first flight by creating a variety of origami paper airplanes. To register call, 422-8522.

Winter festival and tree lighting ceremony

The Village of Orland Park is pleased to announce its Winter Festival 2002 to kick-off the holiday season on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The festivities will take place at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Ave. and then move to the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Ave. for the Mayor's Official Tree lighting at 5:30 p.m.

Join Mayor McLaughlin and the Village Board of Trustees as they celebrate the start of the holiday season in Orland Park. Visit with Santa and take a sleigh ride, enjoy Doc. Morriessy's Christmas Show, and show off your talents in family Karaoke. There will be make and take crafts and face painting for the kids. The Orland Park Community Bank will provide holiday music and the Sandburg High School Choir will sing carols. It will be a family day of fun to begin the holiday season. Admission to the event is free. Concessions will be open to pur-

chase hot dogs and refreshments. For more information, please call (708) 403-6145

Moraine jazz ensemble to perform fall concert

Listen to a live performance of the music of legendary jazz musicians during the Moraine Valley Jazz Ensemble's fall concert on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The music of jazz greats Count Basie and Duke Ellington-renowned pianists, composers and bandleaders-will highlight the performance with additional selections by such artists as trumpeter Thad Jones, saxophonist John Coltrane and guitarist Pat Metheny. Soloists at the concert will include Jazz Ensemble members Shari Heda on clarinet, Mike Sullivan on tenor sax and Lia Corinth on trombone.

The Moraine Valley Jazz Ensemble is an auditioned adult jazz band open to all interested musicians ages 16 and above and is led by first-

year director Douglass Bratt. In addition to directing the Ensemble, Bratt freelances in the Chicago area and leads his own jazz trio. He also has performed with such jazz luminaries as saxophonists Jimmy Heath and Benny Golson and trumpeter Wynton Marsalis.

Tickets for this event are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 handling fee. Tickets can also be purchased an hour prior to the event at the college's Box Office. The Moraine Valley Jazz Ensemble is also seeking new members for the spring semester, which begins January 14, 2003. Interested individuals can call Bratt at (708) 974-5464.

Holiday craft show

We'll be decorating the tree at Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 7. Drop in anytime between the hours of 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 to make beautiful holiday orna-

ments. Make some for the tree and some to take home. This program is open to children age 3 and up. Children age 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult. Register by calling the library at (708) 423-7753.

Deeds Office humming along

The Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office is humming along in spite of an otherwise ailing economy and a doubtful forecast. Since the beginning of the calendar year, the office has recorded an average of 6, 076 documents per day. As of Monday, Nov. 25, 2002 over one million documents have been recorded. This is the earliest this milestone has been reached, considering the two previous record setting years. The success of the office may be attributed to two factors: Eugene "Gene" Moore's administration and his goals of office automation and the economy.

During the Moore administration, the office has pursued automation of mundane functions, which has yielded greater productivity and staff efficiency. What once took approximately three weeks to complete; recording the return of documents will in the future be completed in less than 72 hours of vendor contact. And, under yet to be determined circumstances, the public will receive its documents immediately. Also, in the future the public, those who scribe to the service, will be able to access documents via their Internet Service.

The economy has also attributed to the Recorder's office success. Low mortgage interest rates continue to spur re-financing of home mortgage, which is a significant volume of the office's business. This trend may continue for some time while the economy is examined to determine its overall health. Until then, keep the documents coming. Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene Moore, concluded by saying, "it is imperative that we maintain the trust of the public and the integrity of our records."



Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene Moore



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Have a Pioneer Christmas

On Thursday Dec. 12th, the Will County Historical Society will present a Pioneer Christmas event at the Pioneer Settlement in Lockport. The evening of entertainment will take visitors back to a day and time when the early settlers of the area celebrated the Christmas season.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. an old time program with singing, music, recitations and additional entertainment will be presented in the Wells Corner School House. The program will be repeated at 7:00, 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Santa's elves will be working in the shops and will develop dialogue with the children while working to fill the lists from Santa. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be greeting children in the log cabin and handing out treats to all. There will be a beautiful tree with old time decorations and carolers will sing and bring Christmas cheer throughout the entire Settlement. Scrooge, Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit will be present and the Canallers group will take

up first person characterization of additional persons as provided by Dickens in his Christmas Carol.

A Christmas Bazaar will provide an opportunity for visitors to shop for handmade and unusual gifts. Pathways throughout Pioneer Settlement will be lighted by hundreds of tin punched luminary which have been made by tinsmiths. Parking will be available in the lot across the road from Pioneer Settlement. There will be a moderate amount of heat in the buildings and the program will be held regardless of weather conditions. A Christmas Social with wonderful homemade refreshments will be held in the Settlement House. Admission is free and the public is invited. Pioneer Settlement is located on Illinois Route 7, one block west of Illinois Route 171, near downtown Lockport, IL.



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Dr. Hogg's Column

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Quintos to speak to Kiwanis

Commander Bruce Quintos, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Law Enforcement Division, will speak before the Stockyard Kiwanis, Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. following a noon luncheon at Polish Highlander Restaurant, 4808 S. Archer Ave. Richard Manak, coordinator, announced the commander will explain how the officers control the Cook County Forest Preserves.

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Laurence O'Toole School Awards

St. Laurence High School awarded its 2002 St. Laurence O'Toole School Awards at an assembly for the entire school community on Nov. 13. The awards honor persons whose generosity time and talents have significantly enhanced the St. Laurence School Community. Recipient of this year's Black & Gold Award was 1975 alumnus Frank V. Tannura. Mr. Tannura, Chairman of the Board of Packaging Dynamic Corporation, was honored for his outstanding and generous financial support of the school and its Capital Campaign. Photo Caption: Pictured at the reception following the ceremony are (left to right) Mr. Thomas Ondrla, St. Laurence High School President, and award recipients Mr. Dan O'Leary, Mrs. Janet Barham, Mr. Frank Tannura and Mrs. Mary Rose Sturtevant.

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Mount Carmel School News

The annual Salute to the Champions honoring coaches, players, and heroes of Mount Carmel athletic teams of yesteryear, presented by Hawthorne Race Course will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002. The event, sponsored by the M.C. Foundation, will be held in the Turf Club at Hawthorne Race Course. Ticket price is \$50.00, and includes preferred parking, Clubhouse admission, Racing Program, and a fantastic buffet in the Turf Club. The event is from Noon- 3:00 p.m. Awards presented at 12:30. Post Time 1:10.

St. Rita High School open house

St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., invites all boys in grades 6-8 and their families to an open

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
Kathywhirity@mailstation.com

In Support of our President

When I was a kid I can remember my mother, God rest her soul, watching TV and vocalizing with much irritation, her disgust at news stories of liberals in our society spewing their bleeding heart rhetoric.

She'd also become quite upset when our justice system seemed to fail the victim and favor the criminal element with outdated laws that hold little significance in a world of heinous crime and excess violence.

She'd shake her head and say with much disgust, "This country is going to hell in a hand basket." Lately I've find myself taking the same view as I watch ridiculous news stories. It's the echoing of the same sentiment, just in a different decade. Once again we are at a time of war in America. This time around we are not only fighting the enemy on foreign soil, we are in a life and death battle for freedom, right here at home.

The impending war with Iraq has spurred the liberal Hollywood elite into basking President Bush for his aggressive stance on this war on terrorism. These Hollywood,

hoity-toity, types with their 'make love not war' mentality can't seem to comprehend the fact that no matter how much we may want to live in a peaceful world - the reality is that our ruthless enemies are out to destroy us. This reminds me of a column Richard Roeper wrote shortly after the attacks of 9/11. In it he compared the passive approach to terrorists to a scene from a 60's alien movie where a space ship hovers above a group of unsuspecting earthlings and one guy stands up front, trying to convince the rest of the humans that the aliens mean no harm. Of course the outcome is that the nice, trusting guy is obliterated by the aliens.

Listening to the anti-Bush, anti war opinions of some of Hollywood's biggest stars namely Barbara Streisand and Jessica Lange, with their passive positions on political procedures brings that frightening scenario to mind. Their dissident comments are demeaning, not only to this country but to all the dedicated service men and women who are ready and willing to risk their lives for the country they love.

Remember the last time a notable movie star disgraced this country. Her name is

Jane (Hanoi) Fonda, and the disservice she did to this country during the Viet Nam war still haunts her to this day.

Granted, the Viet Nam war and this war on terrorism are two completely different battles, but in both conflicts our military stood up to the task at hand. Then as now, we should be standing behind our military, which may not be the case if we allow history to repeat itself. It's quite evident that the United States is gearing up for war with Iraq. We cannot afford to make the dreaded mistake to think that Saddam is a mere annoyance that can be controlled. Anyone who dares to assume that this maniacal dictator will actually abide by any resolutions to keep the peace - when he has killed and maimed his own people is living in la-la land. Which brings me back to the subject of these flaky Hollywood types who haven't got a clue when it comes to seeing the big picture.

I sincerely pray we don't put our dedicated service men and women through the hell of resurrecting bitter memories suffered by our Viet Nam Vets. They deserve our support, our thanks and most of all our gratitude. Nobody wants war.

But, when weapons of mass destruction are pointed at your doorstep, you protect the homeland while securing the right to freedom. Let's let our President do what he was elected to do. He doesn't have a wily charm to manipulate us with the impish boyish grin that's been practiced to perfection. He doesn't have affairs that clog up our news channels, distracting us from real problems (like the ones we're facing now.) President Bush is vowing to win this war on terrorism, and he's not backing down, thank God for that.

These ultra liberals, with silver spoons stuck in their mouths, should stick to what they do best - entertaining us with fiction on the big screen. Each time they gain publicity with their pitiful comments, I'm reminded of my mother's assessment of things and I realize - she was right.



Oak Lawn Chamber Holiday Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will ring in the holidays with a festive musical program at their next monthly luncheon Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Networking at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. Entertainment will be provided by the Oak Lawn Community High School A-Cappella Choir. For reservations, call (708) 424-8300.

Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley will host a performance by its Suzuki violinist group on Saturday, December 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater, located on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

"Suzuki" is a method of teaching music that uses simplistic methods to instruct complex ideas and can be effective for students of the instrument even at age two.

The Moraine Valley Suzuki violinists, ranging in age from 3 to 80, will perform several pieces at the performance, including the national anthems of 11 countries. There is no charge to attend this performance. For more information, please contact the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500.

glish, Language, Music, and Athletics. Guests will begin the tour with a greeting from Fr. Thomas McCarthy OSA, St. Rita President/Principal, in St. Rita's 1000 seat Chapel and Shrine, and conclude in the gymnasium, where more than 40 exhibits pertaining to clubs, sports, and activities will be on display. Faculty,

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St. Bernadette Students win at the academic bowl

A team of five St. Bernadette students placed 2nd in the 16th Annual Mt. Carmel High School Academic Bowl for seventh grade boys. In addition to the 2nd place win, Kevin Barsaloux received a trophy for scoring the highest tally of all the participants on the written portion of the test. Tony Gustin received a trophy for earning first place in the current events portion of the competition. In addition, the team received a cash prize of \$750 for St. Bernadette School. Team members are: Kevin Barsaloux, Tony Gustin, Chuck Hunter, Chuck Hunter, Mike Trinka and Liam O' Keefe.

Blanketed with love from Girl Scout Troop 005



Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center received a generous donation recently from Girl Scout Troop 005 from Worth and Chicago Ridge. The troop members made 25 baby blankets and bonnets, which newborns in Hospital's Maternity Services unit will receive and be able to take home with them. Twenty-five members of Troop 005 presented the two-layered, reversible blankets with hand tied trim, to Mary Grimm, R.N., Manager of Maternal/Child Services, at the Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Web Watch

(NAPS)—Forget psychology and even astrology...now you can turn to "chewology" to discover your true personality. Recognizing American's appetite for chewing, Wrigley is introducing longer-lasting Wrigley's Spearmint gum to

provide the most refreshing chewing experience. The company teamed up with non-verbal communication and behavior expert Patti Wood to develop the Wrigley's Spearmint Chew I.Q. quiz, a simple questionnaire that

links chewing habits—why, what and how you chew—and personality. To evaluate your chewing habits and get a fun, fresh perspective into your personality, go to www.wrigley.com.

When trying to kick the habit, smokers (over the age of 18) can take advantage of FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies (NRT) such as the NicoDerm CQ nicotine patch and Nicorette nicotine gum. These tools

Ryan files suit

Attorney General Jim Ryan filed suit Nov. 27 against several for-profit businesses and persons alleging unlawful charitable fund raising practices including the use of convicted felons as fund raisers.

"When a person calls your home seeking a charitable donation, you have a right to expect there is not a felon on the other end of the line," said Attorney General Ryan. Named in the suit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, are Community Programs, Inc. (CPI) of River Grove and James Fiori and Carmen Dipini, doing business as Motivated Telemarketing, Inc. of Chicago. The suit alleges that CPI entered into contracts with various charities to solicit contributions but, instead of actually performing fund raising campaigns on behalf of the charities, hired subcontractor businesses to do the fund raising. The Illinois Solicitation For Charity Act requires professional fund raisers to contract directly with charitable organizations, that they are preventing from sub-contracting fund raising responsibilities to entities that did not themselves contact with the charity.

Also alleged in the suit is that one of the subcontractor businesses, motivated telemarketing, is operated by a convicted felon State law prevents convicted felons from registering as

either professional fund raisers or solicitors.

Additionally, the suit alleges that defendants failed to register with or account to the Attorney General. Charitable solicitation law requires all fund raisers to register their contracts so that the public can have sufficient information to ascertain how much of the money raised is actually given to charitable causes. These contracts must contain specific information regarding the fund raising fees charged, the methods of fund raising employed, and the geographic scope and period of duration of the fund raising campaigns to be performed.

The suit alleges the defendants raised more than 1.8 million in 2001 and more than \$700,000 through June 2002, with little of it being given to charitable causes. This is the third such suit recently brought by Ryan to prevent the kind of layering of contracts, as occurred here, that concealed from public scrutiny the actual terms and conditions under which fund raising is being done and obscures the identities and credentials of those actually conducting solicitations from the public.

The other two cases are against the Minnesota-based professional fund raiser Public Safety Services, a division of Callan Publishing, Inc., which, like CPI, entered into fund raising contracts with various charities but sub-contracted the actual fund raising to other for-profit businesses. The other for-profit businesses were Public

Awareness and Safety Publications, each of which employed individuals with felony convictions to directly perform charitable solicitations. In each of these cases, the Attorney General is seeking to enjoin the defendants from further violations, required them to make a full accounting of all the monies they collected obtain forfeiture of the hundreds of thousands of dollars taken in fees and salary and impose statutory civil penalties for each violation of charitable law.

"During the holiday season I urge Illinoisans to be generous in giving to charity but to ask questions, gather information and donate only when satisfied that their money will be used appropriately," said Ryan. For further tips and information concerning charitable giving in Illinois please visit the Attorney General's Website at www.ag.state.il.us. For complaints about charitable solicitations or to check on the registration status of a charity please contact the Attorney General's Office at (312) 814-2595.

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According to National Eating Trends, 59 percent of meals are rushed, 44 percent of women carry lunch to work or school and 34 percent of lunches are eaten on the run. These statistics suggest that while busy Americans strive to fulfill their need to eat, the inability to find the time to prepare a wholesome meal creates a significant roadblock. A recent survey by Campbell

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Schulte ready to build Orland Park hotel complex

By Kevin Plenis

Orland Park residents will soon enjoy the company of an elegant and architecturally pleasing hotel and conference complex located off of 163rd and LaGrange Road by Lifetime Fitness.

After six months of planning and revising, the Kentucky based family-owned Schulte company was granted final approval to build the Orland Hotel and Conference Complex. This occurred at the Nov. 18 Board of Trustees Meeting.

"We finally got the plan everyone agreed on," commented Darryl Schulte, Jr., executive vice president for the Shulte Hospitality Group. "Orland Park is a community growing quickly and it's experiencing natural growing pains," explained Darryl.

This will be an 80-room hotel including a 500 seat banquet hall, 362 seat restaurant and a 114-seat restaurant on a 9.49 acre site.

One of the issues concerned the privacy of residents currently living in townhouses where the back of the hotel would face their homes.

A six foot high ornamental fence with masonry piers and metal wrought iron sections will be maintained.

Large exquisite landscaping with a fountain in front of the hotel will serve as an attractive separation between the hotel and LaGrange Road.

A horse shoe shaped sidewalk will easily connect all three buildings and also connect to the perimeter sidewalk.

Some of the following conditions for the Orland Hotel and Conference Center included in the community development and building were stated as follows: The east wall of the meeting room building does not have windows; at least half of the



This is an artistic impression of what the new Orland Hotel and Conference Complex will look like when finished.

east buffer pine and spruce trees are 8' to 10' in height; stop signs are added to exits to 163rd Street and to exits to the north-south collector road; the petitioner return with a separate landscape plan and building elevations within 60 days; that the petitioner complete water distribution loops and water/sanitary extensions as required by engineering; that the retention setback from LaGrange Road right-of-way meets IDOT standards; and that a guardrail screened by

evergreen shrubs be placed between detention with insufficient setback and adjacent drive aisles.

Many of the prior discussions concerned the parking which was shifted to the back of the complex.

"The feature of the property should have been the hotel and where it was hidden in the back corner, I mean we have restaurants all over town, now the hotel is situated in such a place, I think it's beautiful," commented trustee Bernard A. Murphy.

Orland Park resident Joe Lamargo, who represented a majority of the residents that live by the forthcoming hotel complex, thanked Mayor McLaughlin and the rest of the board for postponing the decision to approve the hotel from the last meeting.

"We really appreciate it and we're excited about the project," said Lamargo.

"We would like to thank the hotel developer for taking our voices into their consideration," added Lamargo. Schulte plans to develop

another ten acres north of the Orland Hotel and complex. This property will feature another restaurant and retail stores. It will be proposed to the Orland Park planning and zoning commission in De-

cember and January.

In terms of this next endeavor, Darryl Schulte, Jr. remarked jokingly, "I'd like this next one to go a lot quicker."

Artist's Successful Studio Tour

Antonia James-Ruppert, local Oak Forest artist, held an art show on Saturday, Nov. 30th at her studio. It was a perfect festive environment for the art show. Ruppert, known for her lively portraits of people, showed her recent paintings and explained her process. With painting titles like "Family Reunion," "Girl With Rollers" and "Grandma and Me," the artist was obviously influenced by the people she has seen in her everyday life.

The art show was a very successful event with a portion of the proceeds going to support services and programs at Deer Creek Christian Church where she is a member. Ruppert has shown her work at The Buzz Cafe in Oak Park, her former residence, Loyola University, her alma mater. For more information, call (708) 250-4338.

Women Voters host holiday party

The holiday season will kick off to a great start with when the League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland hold their annual holiday Fireside Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 pm. in the E.G. Simpson Clubhouse at 7400 Lake Katherine Drive in Palos Heights.

Pot-luck dish is the only charge for admission and reservations are required. Call Augusta at 448-0501 before Dec. 6 to sign up. For more detailed information about the dinner, please call Merna Trotter at 532-0184.

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Ridge library makes reading fun for teens

By Kevin Plenis

Sometimes parents have difficulty persuading their children to read. Sports and other extra curricular activities sometimes take precedence over this invaluable gift. The Chicago Ridge Public library has become one of the forerunners for making reading convenient with their Teen Cafe Read section.

"It opened when we opened our renovated building last November," explained Youth Services Librarian Constance VanSwol, MLIS.

The money used to set aside this special reading section for teenagers originated from a \$25,000 grant from the state about two years ago.

"A lot of libraries are developing teen areas," explained VanSwol. "Materials for teens are becoming more and more available."



Photo by Kevin Plenis

Sarah VanSwol, age 17, (left) and her sister Kate VanSwol, age 16, (right) catch up on their reading on a typical weekday afternoon in Chicago Ridge Library's popular Teen Cafe Read.

During the summer, the library offers reading and art programs and special presentations like a handwriting analysis. During the year they have a teen chess club and

teen book discussion that meet once a month.

"We don't charge for programs at our library but some libraries do," said Constance. The age requirements for the

Teen Cafe Read are sixth through eighth grade but primarily junior high students utilize it.

"It's easy to get kids in here when they're little but

for some reason when they hit junior high reading is not cool," explained VanSwol.

"We're trying to create life time learners so we catch them when they're little and hopefully they'll keep on reading their whole life," she said.

Other programs offered for children at the library begin at two-years old. The Teen Cafe Read section catches the eye instantly with its neon sign. Private booths surround the section to give students private time to read or study.

Teens can also use the Internet providing they have parents' signature.

The Teen Cafe Read is used more during the week than the weekend. According to Constance, "Kids that continue coming to the library during their junior high and high school years do better in school."

The Chicago Ridge Public Library is located at 10400 S. Oxford Avenue. For more information about the Teen Cafe and upcoming programs call 708-423-7753 for more information.

Oak Lawn Library News

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., now offers "Ask a Librarian" on-line reference services to Oak Lawn residents via their web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). Just click on "Ask a Librarian" and fill out a short electronic form. Questions must be brief and factual in nature. Responses will usually be provided within 24 hours, Monday through Friday, during the library's regular business hours. Patrons must supply complete contact information to ensure a reply. This service is also available to non-residents who have specific questions about Oak Lawn history. For additional information, call Adult Reference Services (708) 422-4990.

Palos Heights asks to gain support for next tax vote

By Kevin Plenis

Alderman Prestinario pledged that the Palos Heights city council will work hard so it will be better for everyone. Prestinario kept the morale at a positive level at the Nov. 19 meeting with hopes of gaining support from the residents.

"We're taking a step back and will become stronger to make Palos Heights better for everyone," he said.

Mayor Straz explained that the city's general fund is in "severe trouble" with expenses continuing to exceed the revenue.

Voters did not pass the recent referendum on Nov. 5 which asked that "the annual corporate purpose tax rate for the city of Palos Heights be established at .4000% of full

fair cash value, instead of .25%, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended?"

The mayor sent out a fact sheet packet which showed how the city's general fund balance has gone from a high of \$2,700,000 to its current \$23,154.70 as of Sept. 30.

Palos Heights has been running on building permit fees for the past three years and with the completion of development this revenue source will stop.

Utility tax revenues dropped this past year as operating costs continue to increase. Alderman Mike McGrogan stressed how important it is for the residents to vote in favor of the referendum in April next year.

He also explained how

the severity of this low general fund could influence other finances. "This would affect the city's bond rating from a banking standpoint," explained McGrogan.

One resident spoke before the council stating that she along with other residents voted against the referendum because they were not sure what they were voting on. She said they were only aware until two weeks prior to the Nov. 5 election day.

She did encourage citizens of Palos Heights to invest in the city and parks. "If we don't, all will lose as a city," she stated.

Preceding the regular city council meeting, the Beautification/Business & Economic Development Committee held their first annual

awards program.

This was a huge success according to Joe McGee, chair of Keep Palos Heights Beautiful Committee.

The city hall was filled with only standing room left. Special "Palos Pride" awards were presented to sponsors of the "Adopt A Tree" program. This entailed volunteers who purchased and maintained flowers by the trees on the commercial streets next to the street area of Harlem Avenue.

More than 200 students picked up litter and debris from the city's streets and public area from Trinity Christian College's "Love Palos," which also won an award.

The Palos East Elementary School for 5th grade stu-

dent development put together a CD project titled "Our Town" which explained a key variety of community attractions and values. They also received a "Palos Pride" award also for their work.

The mission and objective of the beautification committee includes promoting the community economic development and pride ownership and also to enhance community beautifications and aesthetic quality of life.

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Oak Lawn Village board concludes for 2002

By Kevin Plienis

The 2003 municipal budget was passed at the Oak Lawn village board meeting on Dec. 10. The \$844, 174 deficit in the general fund will be handled by a hiring freeze which begins Jan. 1, 2003. According to village manager Joe Faber, all village departments are prepared for this. The hiring freeze will remain in effect until all expenses are reduced or state revenues return to normal. This deficit was caused by the shortfall in state revenues.

Police patrol officer Caroline Marie Leigh was also sworn in at the meeting.

The 2003 committee and commission appointments were announced as follows: Lenore Goodfriend for the Appeals Board; Kathleen Kucharski for the Civil Service Commission; Robert Banas for the Fire and Police Commission; Michelle Moses for the Historic Preservation District 1; Jeannette M. Howell for the Historic Preservation District 2; Calvin Scott for the Historic Preservation District 3; Brian Jordan for the Historic Preservation District 4; Maree Ann Groah for the Historic Preservation District 5; Brian Kelly for the Historic Preservation District 6; Debbie

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Trustee Keane gave credit to the special events commission and Diane Johnson for the success of the recent Santa and kids event setup in the outside village gazebo. "It was a nice event but cold," commented Keane. Also credit was given to the village water department for decorating.

The board of trustees wished all residents of Oak Lawn to enjoy the holidays. "On behalf of myself and the board of trustees and village manager Joe Faber we wish you a very happy and safe Christmas and also a happy and safe New Year's Eve," said Mayor Kolb. The mayor also asked residents to be aware of drunk driving and to use extra caution on the

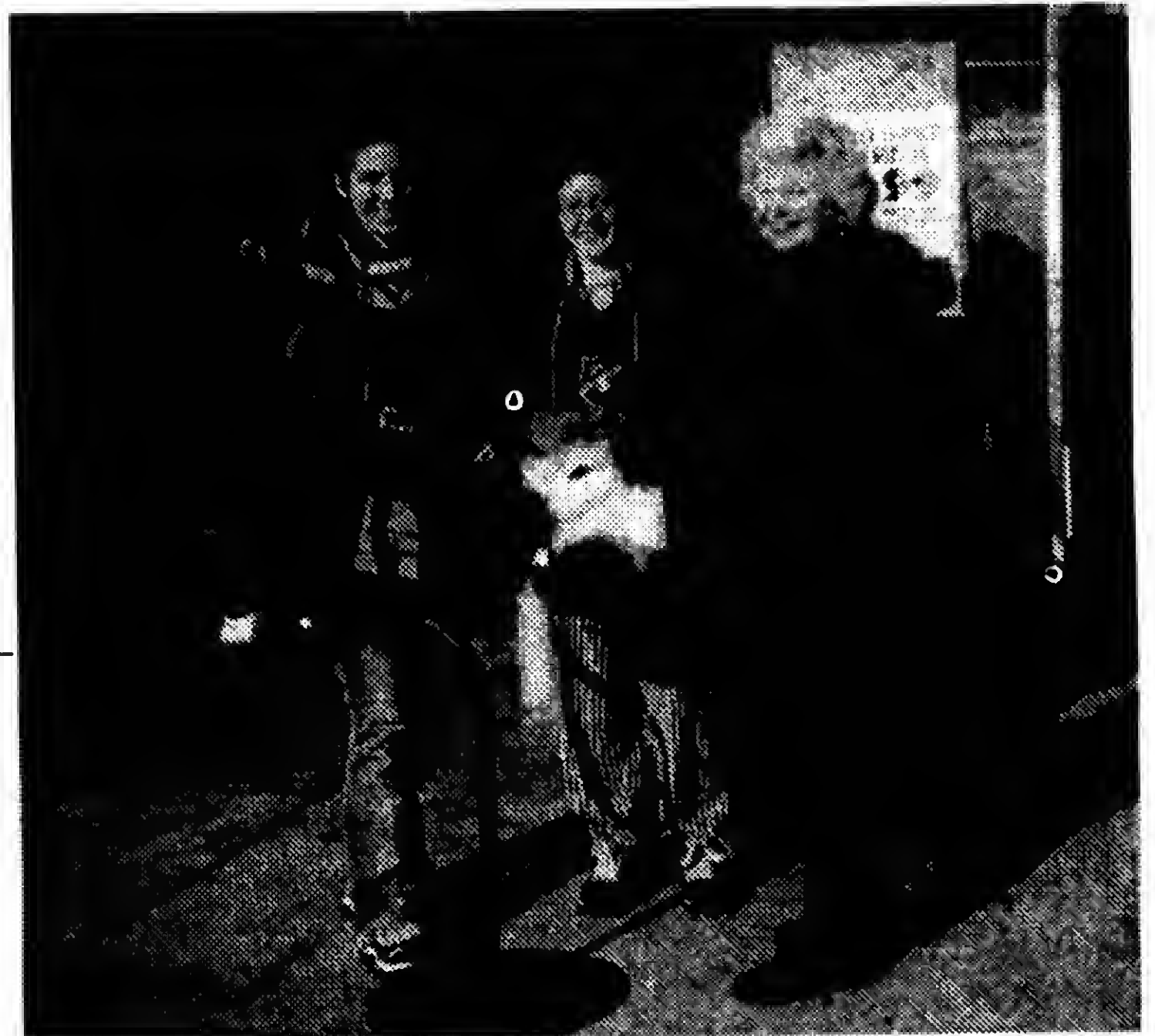
roads during the holidays. There are stupid people driving under the influence that do not deserve to be on the road, so let's make it safe out there as best we can," said Kolb. The next regular meeting for the village board will be on Jan. 14, 2003.

The Leo club is full of love

The Leo Club of Richards High School - sponsored by the Lions - have raised money for various organizations this holiday season. The motto of the Leo club is to give back to the community and people in need.



The Leo club presented checks to three different organizations



Leo Volunteers ring a bell for donations in front of a grocery store

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Former Leo Craig Lanagin played piano for the consumers and residents

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Students will be engaged in classroom activities such as science experiments, computer work, art and dancing, depicting some of the fine learning experiences at Queen of Peace. Faculty, students, alumnae and parents will be on hand to answer questions. Queen of Peace is located at 7659 S Linder. For more information about Open House or Peace, call Mary Annerino at (708) 458-7600 or (773) 586-7300, Ext. 292. Visit Queen of Peace at www.queenofpeacehs.org.

THE OAK LAWN STORY



The Oak Lawn Story in hardcover

By: Joseph J. Ruzich

Take a journey back in time this holiday season. A new 160-page hardcover book called "The Oak Lawn Story," will amaze you with enlightening stories about the Village's growth from presettlement to the days of the April 1967 tornado and recent times. With 230 fascinating black and white photographs – some as far back as the late 1800s – the book is a must buy for anyone interested in the history of the Oak Lawn area. Authored by Archibald McKinlay, the information and images in this book were drawn from the archives of the Oak Lawn Public Library and other historical sources. Sponsorship for the creation and production of "The Oak Lawn Story" was provided by Oak Lawn Bank. William Brouwer, president of Oak Lawn Bank, started this project and saw it through to completion. He worked with everyone from Bill Goodfellow – a nonpareil research librarian of the Oak Lawn Library – who was the source of most of the photographs to the author. "The reason we decided to create this book is that we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of School District 123 and the 50th Anniversary of Oak Lawn Community High

School District 229," says Brouwer. Even non Oak Lawn residents will find this book interesting. As first glance of the 19 century photographs, one may think they were taken in the wild west. It's hard to believe a photo of an old dirt road with wooden barn-like structures (on both sides of the road) was 95th street.

One of the most intriguing photographs from the early 1900s is of the Oak Lawn Lake – located near 95th and Central – where five children are swimming. With the lake surrounded by forest and brush, it looks nothing like the present day stagnant pond. When reading the caption, one learns that the lake couldn't be drained due to springs feeding the basin. However, it soon became a real estate attraction.

In addition to its photographs, the text gives a clear and simple understanding of the area's history. Did you know that Oak Lawn was once called "Agnes" and a variety of other names? It also explains how Oak Lawn's swampy landscape made it a horrible place to live. Many resident contracted mosquito illnesses like malaria.

As times changed Oak Lawn exploded into a subur-

ban paradise – around the early 1950s. As the swamps were drained and the farmlands disappeared, Oak Lawn became more urban than suburban. Today, with a population just over 70,000, many people must wonder what was on their street a hundred years ago. Reading and viewing the photographs in "The Oak Lawn Story" might give you a hint of what was there. Not to mention, it's like taking an adventure in the past for the entire family and is fresh of the press for the holidays. The "Oak Lawn Story" might be one of the most unique gifts that you could give this year.



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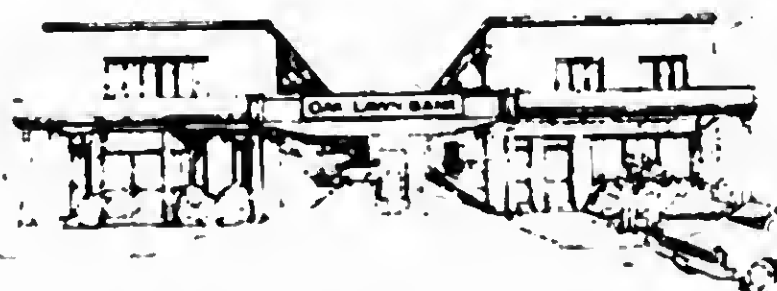
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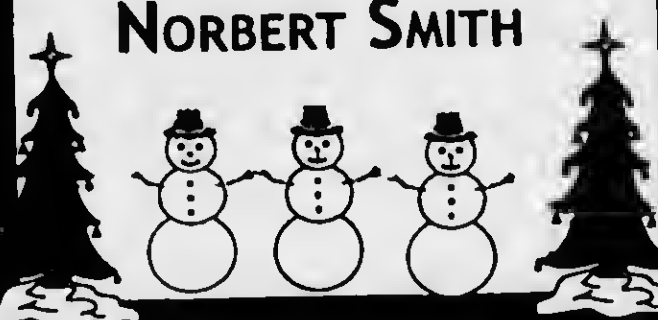
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Baby's First Christmas

Though we all know babies are a blessing to have and to hold, there's no greater gift than to cuddle an infant at Christmas, not even gold.

A baby is born with ten tiny fingers, ten tiny toes, as awesome reminder of the living miracle that only God bestows.

For new parents, Tom and Amy, the gift of a baby is a dream come true, he's the reason their happy tears are colored in blissful shades of blue.

A young mother's arms have at long last been filled with a bundle of love, prayers of thanks whispered, in between lullabies, to the heaven above.

Weighing in at just five pounds and only one once, a son whose well-being is now all that really counts.



This Christmas there'll be a new stocking to hang above the fireplace, stuffed with parental pride for the infant with an angel's face.

In Christmases to come, wish lists to Santa will dance in his head, visions of Tonka trucks, Lego blocks, and fire engines of red.

And, two lucky parents will soon share in the craziest tradition of all, when the Holiday season finds them toy shopping at the mall!

But this year the festive lights twinkling on the family Christmas tree, will glow in the glory of love, now that baby makes three.

For Tom and Amy, celebrating their baby's first Christmas will be an honor, as they welcome to their world, a son, Aidan James O'Connor.

The Jackie Wilson Story Performance

The Black Ensemble Theater's enormously successful "The Jackie Wilson Story (My heart is crying, crying), the high-energy musical showcasing the rise and fall of legendary performer Jackie Wilson, launches its first national tour at the New Regal Theater, 1665 E. 79th Street, for eight performances only beginning Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, the 19th anniversary of Wilson's death. The Jackie Wilson Story had its World Premiere at the Black Ensemble theater in February 2000 where it played to sold-out houses for over two years. For tickets for The Jackie Wilson Story at the New Regal Theater range from \$22.50 to \$37.50 and are available at the New Regal Theater box office and all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers; by calling ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500

Peace play selected for festival

Queen of Peace's fall play production, "Turning CORners," was selected to be performed at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival in Urbana-Champaign in January.

Play director and Peace drama teacher Anna Brennan, of Palos Heights, and the cast and crew will create a traveling-show-type shorter version of the play to be part of a showcase production at the annual festival.

"We choose only quality works," said Mark Begovich, associate director of play selection for the Illinois High School Theatre Festival. "It's a huge honor to be selected, he said. He explained that 57 productions were judged only 24 were chosen for the festival. The showcase will be held in the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of the University of Illinois.

"Turning CORners" is an

ongoing performance project of COR, Catholic Schools Opposing Racism, who last year asked high school students across the Archdiocese of Chicago to tell stories of their personal experiences with race and racism.

Fifteen high schools and more than 1,000 students participated in the storytelling process. One-hundred stories were submitted to author Megan Carney who created from them a universal story about belonging and difference, rejection and acceptance, sadness and joy that represent the common experience of race in America.

The play features seven actress storytellers who narrate their experiences by speaking directly to the audience while "Rhythm Makers" act out characters and provide stomping-and-stepping transitions between stories.

St. Laurence entrance exam

St. Laurence High School will hold its entrance exam on Saturday, January 11 at 8:00 a.m. For eighth grade boys planning to pursue their secondary education at the Burbank School. No prior registration fee is required. Testing should be concluded by 12:00 p.m.

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Nearby residents noted the erosion and junk in the creek for some time. "We decided to make the clean up a community effort and I would like to commend all the volunteers for their hard work," added Hurckes. Trustee Hurckes plans to make the clean up an annual event. Plans for future clean up efforts will be announced.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, ten volunteers led by district 1 Trustee, Jerry Hurckes, literally waded into a problem as they began the clean up of the Melvina ditch.

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Elected position open

The Chicago Ridge Park District has announced that there will be two (2) elected position open for Commissioners in the 2003 Consolidated Election to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2003. Both positions are for four (4) full year terms. The dates for petition filings will start on Monday, January 13th thru Friday, January 17, 2003 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The last day for filing is Tuesday January 21, 2003 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Petitions will be accepted at the Freedom Activity Center, located at 6252 W. Birmingham in Chicago Ridge. Call, (708) 636-4900 for information.

Holiday Closings

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed on the following holidays: Christmas Eve, Tuesday Dec. 24; Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25; New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31; and New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1. Regular hours on all other days.

The library's hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., mid-September through mid-May

Dec. 31 - will include an open bar, music, dancing, party, favors, a plated prime-rib dinner at 8 p.m. and a champagne toast at midnight. Entertainment will be provided by singer/musician Don Reitsma.

The all-inclusive event is priced at \$90 per couple, \$50 per individual or \$25 for individuals under age 21. Deating is limited to 40 people. The Stony Creek Clubhouse - which opened in November 2001 - features a dining room with highbeam ceilings, a full-service bar, a stone fireplace and elegant windows that look over the golf course greens and patio. For more information or to place your party reservation, please call (708) 857-2433 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

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The Clubhouse party - which will last from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday,

Library continues collecting "Toys for Tots"

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will collect Toys for Tots" until Monday, Dec. 23. The collection barrels are near their Cook Ave. Holiday display. Gifts are needed children of all ages, up to age 12. Toys should be unwrapped so that they may be sorted according to age and gender. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Sunday mass at Resurrection

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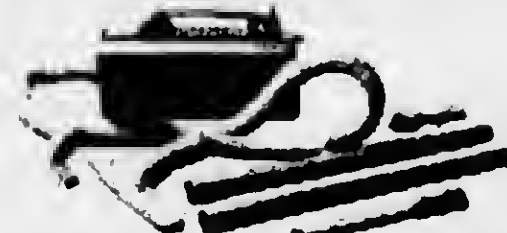
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Question: My mother is the hardest person to buy for, and I struggle every holiday with what to get her. Do you have any gift-giving suggestions for someone in her early 80's? She no longer drives or travels and owns everything under the sun!

Answer: Shopping gets us all in the holiday spirit, yet finding a present for an older person who seemingly has everything can be a challenge. You don't know how many times I've heard how hard it is to buy for parents or grandparents! This is because many older people have downsized to smaller living spaces and have acquired a lifetime of goods.

With a little ingenuity, I'm sure you'll find your mother a gift she will not only like a use, but maybe even treasure. First, consider her life-style and personality. You mentioned that she has everything; maybe you could help organize or clean certain areas. I know if you looked

around you could find something that needs to be done around her household. For example, does the refrigerator need cleaning and restocking.

Other ideas are "gifts" in the form of shopping or errands, addressing and mailing letters; wrapping and delivering presents, taking her out for holiday activities, religious services, theater or a movie, or an evening ride to look at Christmas lights.

Have you thought about objects to make your mother more comfortable?

Consider warm, soft garments such as flannel shirts or slippers with non-skid soles. Large-print books, books on tape, or a magnifying glass are ideas. Others include snap-on bags for wheelchairs and walkers, bulletin boards, mini televisions, portable stereos, a contour neck pillow, cordless telephone or a basket filled with lotions, lip balm or nail polishes. For hearing-impaired persons, there are a host of devices available including special alarm clocks, doorbell and telephone signalers. According to one survey, the top gift choice for seniors was a large-print calendar highlighting family members' birthdays' and an-

niversaries. Others on the list were: gift certificates to a grocery store, pharmacy or restaurant; cordless phone; box of cards and stamps; enlarged favorite family photograph; easy chair or recliner; heating pad or water bottle, slippers, and a large-numbered television remote control.

The important thing to remember is that you don't have to spend a lot of money. Just consider the needs of the person for whom you're buying. If your mother is frail or has dementia, finding the "right gift" may seem impossible. But, I assure you it's not. These older individuals may benefit by a short trip to see a friend or relative, or dinner out. I've seen people give an older person a package of tulip bulbs along with a note that they will plant and maintain a small garden next spring.

Also keep in mind gifts of security and safety. Make an assessment of your mother's living space. For example, would she benefit by side rails for the commode or tub? Could you contract to have the walks and porch shoveled all winter? Is lighting adequate inside and outside? Gifts that could save lives include: smoke detectors and

batteries; a quality fire extinguisher; a flashlight and batteries; a first-aid kit; a carbon monoxide detector, mobile phone, and a second-floor escape ladder.

The best gifts are from the heart — they convey love and care. They show that the holidays really are about family and thinking about one another. Just spending time with one another is a gift in and of itself. Of course this goes for all individuals — whatever their age or wherever they live.

For individuals living in nursing homes, think about making their environment more "homey." Older people have collected many mementos. If they aren't already displayed, think about assisting your loved one in sorting and displaying the treasures and memorabilia. Make sure their bed is comfortable — soft sheets and plush mattress covers not only feel good, they help prevent bedsores.

The best gift of all, of course, is being able to celebrate another holiday with your mother. Be thankful for your time together. Indeed, that is the true spirit of the season, and I hope yours will be merry and bright! As always, please call the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine for information at (800) 252-8966 (Voice and TTY). Or, write to: Seniors Ask c/o Margo E. Schreiber, Director Illinois Department on Aging 421 E. Capitol Ave, #100 Springfield, IL 62701-1789.

Fleet Hometown News

Marine Corps Pvt. Michael A. Dahlke, son of Mary L. and John K. Dahlke of 9611 S. Springfield, Evergreen Park, IL, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Dan Diego.

Dahlke successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Dahlke and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Dahlke spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Dahlke and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Dahlke and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began. Dahlke is a 1994 graduate of St. Laurence High School of Burbank, IL.

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Rachel L. Behun, a 2000 graduate of Queen of Peace High School, Burbank, IL, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, IL.

During the 14-week course, Behun learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Behun also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet

Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Behun's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with her training, Behun can work in several areas including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Raul Ipina, a 2000 graduate of John Fitzgerald Kennedy High School, Chicago, recently made a port visit in East Timor while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 11th MEU, based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Ipina is one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group and USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group.

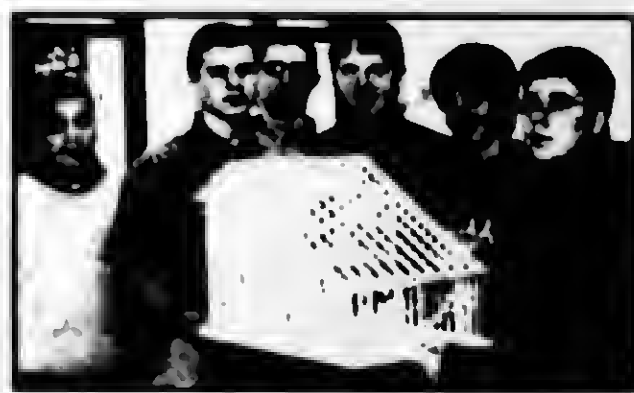
Approximately 500 Marines and Sailors from the 11th MEU and the USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group participated in the largest humanitarian assistance project conducted in East Timor in the last two years.

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Ray Ristow, coordinator, announced that Ripper will explain the recreation and conservation available within the forest preserves.

Deborah has been assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs. She is a graduate of Elmhurst College where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and Spanish.

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Potter transforms Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv's futuristic HaShalom Station at the Azrieli Center, as well as several express trains on the high density Tel Aviv-Haifa route, have been transformed into tributes to Harry Potter, the literature and movie phenomenon, says Rami Levi, Israel's Tourism Commissioner for the Americas.

The movie, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, opens this week in Israel. Throughout the holiday of Chanukah, train riders from Tel Aviv to Haifa will be confronted with giant images from the movie as well as massive floor signs directing them to "Platform 9 3/4," departing point of "The Hogwarts Express." Tickets on Israel's Harry Potter trains will also admit riders to the movie at any Globus movie theater in Israel.

The Nutcracker returns

A Chicago family holiday tradition, Robert Joffery's production of The Nutcracker returns for 25 performances only at the Auditorium Theatre, 70 E. Congress Parkway, Dec. 6-29, 2002. The Nutcracker features the full Joffrey Ballet of Chicago company, plus the Arpino Apprentices, seasonal dancers and a puppeteer - all augmented by five local children's choruses and 127 young dancers ages nine through fourteen. The Joffrey Ballet Orchestra, under conductor Allan Lewis, provides live musical accompaniment of the beloved Tchaikovsky score.

The performance schedule for The Joffrey Ballet of the Chicago presentation of The Nutcracker, Dec. 6-29, 2002, is as follows: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 2 & 7:30 p.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 & 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. The following schedule is in effect Christmas week: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26-28, at 2 & 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. There are no performances on Christmas Eve or Christmas. Tickets, priced

from \$20 to \$74, are now on sale at the Auditorium Theatre box office, all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, by telephone at (312) 902-1500 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Groups of 10 or more should call (312) 922-2110, ext. 4. Please note, the Auditorium Theatre does not allow children under 6 years of age. This year will have a special \$10 college student "rush" tickets available an hour before curtain for any remaining tickets. Students will need to show a current ID.

IMEA district musical festival

Oak Lawn Community High School was represented at the Illinois Music Educators Association District Musical Festival by Joshua Gentile (choir), Jamie Matusiak (band) and Deborah Zwirkoski (choir). The Festival was held at Lincolnway Central High School in New Lenox on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002. Placement is made through stringent auditions, and selection for member-

ship in one of the performing organizations is a reflection of high standards established for, and by, the student, director, and school district.

About 10,000 junior and senior students have participated in similar events that were held in nine geographic districts throughout the state. From that number, only 1,200 senior high school students will be chosen for membership in one of ten performing organizations at the Illinois "All-State" Conference also includes over 125 "in service" professional development sessions for the music educators attending and a large music industry trade show demonstrating the latest in music education materials, instruments and technology.



FOOD FOR SECONDS



Horseradish crusted beef ribeye roast

Total preparation and cooking time: 2 hours and 35 minutes

1 well-trimmed beef ribeye roast, small end (6 to 8 pounds)
1/2 cup prepared horseradish
37 to 40 butter-flavored crackers
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves, crushed Savory Mushroom Bread Pudding

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Place roast, fat side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. Spread horseradish evenly over all surfaces of beef roast.
2. Place crackers in food processor or blender container.

Cover; process until fine crumbs for (about 1-1/4 cups). Combine cracker crumbs, cheese and thyme in small bowl. Press crumb mixture evenly onto roast over horseradish, generously covering all surfaces.

3. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer in roast so tip is centered in thickest part of beef, not resting in fat. Roast in 350 F oven 2 to 2-1/4 hours for medium rare; 2-1/2 to 2-3/4 hours for medium, doneness.

4. Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135 F for medium rare; 150 F for medium. Transfer roast to carving board; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10 F to reach 145 F for medium rare; 160 F for medium.)

5. Carve roast into slices. Serve with savory bread pudding.

2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper

1. Cook meatballs according to package directions.

2. Meanwhile combine peanut butter and milk in small bowl; mix until smooth. Stir in remaining sauce ingredients. Serve with meatballs.

Makes about 3 dozen

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Meatballs with Thai dipping sauce

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 minutes

1 package (about 18 ounces) frozen fully-cooked beef meatballs

Dipping Sauce:

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1/3 cup milk
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

Spicy buffalo-style meatballs

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 minutes

1 package (about 18 ounces) frozen fully-cooked beef meatballs.

2 to 3 tablespoons hot pepper sauce

2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 tablespoon honey Prepared blue cheese dressing Celery sticks.

1. Cook meatballs according to package directions.

2. Meanwhile combine hot pepper sauce, butter and honey in large bowl; mix well. Add meatballs; stir to coat. Serve with dressing and celery sticks, and desired.

Barbecue-style meatballs

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 minutes

1 package (about 18 ounces) frozen fully-cooked beef meatballs

3/4 cup apricot preserves
3/4 cup barbecue sauce

1. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add meatballs; cook and stir 7 to 8 minutes or until meatballs are defrosted.

2. Stir in preserves and barbecue sauce; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes or until hot throughout.

Greek-style meatball kabobs

Total preparation and cooking time: 30

1 package (about 18 ounces) frozen fully-cooked beef meatballs, defrosted

1/2 red bell pepper, cut into 3/4-inch pieces

1/2 green bell pepper, cut into 3/4-inch pieces

Yogurt Sauce:

1 cup plain lowfat yogurt
1/4 cup diced cucumber

1 large clove garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Soak eighteen 6-inch bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes; drain. Alternately thread meatballs and bell pepper pieces onto skewers. Place kababs in single layer in shallow baking pan. Bake at 350 F 20 minutes

2. Meanwhile combine sauce ingredients in small bowl. Serve with meatball skewers.

Savory mushroom bread pudding

Total preparation and cooking time: 1 hour and 25 minutes

1 tablespoon butter
12 ounces mixed mushrooms (cremini, shiitake, button), sliced (about 5 cups)

3 cloves garlic, minced
1-1/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves

1/3 cup dry white wine, salt and pepper

3 cups milk

4 eggs, slightly beaten

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 loaf (1 pound) Italian bread, crust removed, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 12 cups)

2 cups shredded Gruyere cheese

1. Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, garlic and rosemary; cook and stir about 3 minutes or until mushrooms start to brown.

Chicago-Style Green Split Pea

Often imitated but never duplicated this is the real deal. I've made this soup for great chefs all over the world with rave reviews! The secret is to cook the soup slowly, puree, and then sieve through a fine mesh strainer to produce a creamy, smooth soup. In Chicago, the soup is then garnished with small bits of smoked ham and oyster crackers.

Ingredients

1 small smoked hock or ham bone

2 tablespoon olive oil

3 medium garlic cloves, chopped

1 small onion, chopped

2 medium carrots, chopped

2 medium celery stalks, chopped 1 bay leaf

2. Combine milk, eggs, 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper in large bowl; set aside.

3. Place 1/2 of bread cubes in buttered 13X9-inch baking dish. Layer mushroom mixture and 1/2 of cheese over bread. Top with remaining bread cubes and cheese. Pour milk mixture evenly over top. Cover; refrigerate 6 hours or overnight.

4. Heat oven to 350 F. Bake bread pudding, covered, 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
5 whole black peppercorns
1 cup green split peas, rinsed

6 cups chicken stock
Dash of Tabasco
Dash of garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon sea salt

Preparation

1. Rinse the smoked hock or ham bone under cold running water for 1 minute and set aside.

2. Heat the oil in a medium pot over medium heat; add the garlic, onion, carrots, and celery, and cook stirring until slightly softened, about 3 minutes. Do not let the vegetables brown.

3. Now add the bay leaf, thyme, and black peppercorns and cook for exactly 1 minute to release their oils.

4. Add the rest of the ingredients to the pot and bring it to a boil, and then reduce the heat and simmer slowly for about 1 1/2 hours until the split peas and vegetables are extremely tender.

5. At this point, turn the heat off and remove the bay leaf and hock or bone from the pot, and puree the soup in batches in a food blender until completely smooth.

6. Using a fine mesh conical sieve, strain the pureed soup into a clean pot and bring back to a quick boil. Simmer 2 minutes more and serve.

Serves 4

Chef's Tip!
Pushing this soup through a fine mesh strainer is a bit messy, but the end result is well worth it. Ask to Pope.

HOLIDAY FAMILY MEALTIME TIP OF THE WEEK
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Live theater joyful gift for kids

By: Joyce Macey

Chicago abounds with good, live theater which enhances one's quality of life. Why not include the grandkids or any kid to an evening out at one of the current holiday productions now being staged in this great Christmas lit city.

For starters, you may want to try "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts, 777 N. Green St., just off of Chicago Ave. with easy parking. The show is a dazzler of special staging effects and a blue ice-like stage floor. The actors, especially actor Edmund Gween who plays the central role of Santa Claus (he also teaches at Columbia College) is a real "smoothie" when it comes to getting the role of Santa just right.

He'll have everyone believing that Santa will indeed, come down your chimney and that faith will prevail with something good in this crazy world we live in.

Meredith Maresh, the little girl cast as Susan Walker is a delight. Her timing and the way she says her lines are far and above what one would expect from a tiny little actress. She also appeared at Goodman.

The production sticks to the original film classics except the characters have been given 2002 personalities, especially Susan's mom, actress Sarah Wellington and her boyfriend who plays the compassionate Fred. He's actor Tracy Letts.

Don't miss the show. You can call (312) 327-2000 for tickets. There will be no shows on Dec. 24 to 25. The production runs through Dec. 29.

Another "kid friendly" event is the precocious "Seussical The Musical" at the Cadillac Palace Theater, 151 W. Randolph St. continuing through Dec. 22.

Cathy Rigby is "The Cat in the Hat" and does a worthy portrayal of the character from the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss.

But the person who steals the show is 11-year-old Drake English who hails from Oklahoma City and plays the part of JoJo at certain performances sharing roles with actor Richard Miron.

Drake loves every aspect of show business. He travels with his mom and sister, Adriana who has performed in Bramson, Mo. Since then the young boy taken gymnastics, ballet, song and dance to prepare his for his career which seems to be well on its way. He also did "Peter Pan" with Rigby.

While in Chicago (he'll travel with the show until June 20) he attends school at the theater Tuesday through Friday. Drake said when he originally auditioned for the role of JoJo he was up against

30 other kids.

As for his future? Drake said he'd someday like to be in "Cats." Call, (312) 977-1710 for tickets.

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The Lion King extended through November

Due to popular demand, Disney Theatrical Productions and Broadway In Chicago have extended the Chicago engagement of Disney's "The Lion King" through Nov. 2003. Tickets for per-

formances beginning Sept. 24 through Nov. 23, 2003 will go on sale Sunday, Dec. 1. Performances begin April 23, for a limited engagement at Chicago's Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.

Theatergoers are able to upgrade to a VIP experience by purchasing the special VIP Ticket Package which includes: premium orchestra seats, a commemorative souvenir program, exclusive merchandise from "The Lion King" and complimentary parking (one pass per order). For an additional charge, VIP Ticket Package guests can also enjoy complimentary beverages, light snacks, coat check and private restrooms in the Sony Broadway In Chicago Suite before the show and during intermission. VIP Ticket Packages range from \$122 to \$127. Regular ticket prices range from \$18 to \$82. The Lion King will play at the Cadillac

Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., beginning April 23, 2003.

The Sound of Music Auditions

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its spring production of The Sound of Music. Auditions for children ages six through 12 will be held on Sunday, Jan. 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thirty children will be cast from this audition for ensemble roles - who will perform in the three numbers during the musical - and seven children will be cast for primary roles. According to Paul Nirchi, executive producer, the group may decide to double cast the primary children's roles.

Adult auditions will be held on Monday, Jan. 6, and Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Between 30 to 40 adults will be selected from these auditions. Call backs, if necessary, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8. All auditions are held at the Oak View Center for two continuous weekends: March 7-9 and March 13-16. Thursday through Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows will be at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The show's production staff includes: Mike Knezz, producer; Charlie Misovye, director/choreographer; Elizabeth Griffin, music di-

rector; Bill Hansen, conductor, and Gil Oliva, set designer. Executive producers of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre are Paul Nirchi and Dave Heilmann. Tickets for the March shows are now on sale at the Oak View Center. Prices are \$16 for adults, \$15 senior and \$14 for children. For more information on the audition or the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com

Sunday in the Park with George extended

Due to an unprecedented demand for tickets and praise from theater critics, Stephen Sondheim's musical Sunday in the Park with George, previously scheduled to run through Jan 5, has been extended and will be performed in the theater upstairs at Chicago Shakespeare through Feb. 2.

The revised performance schedule is as follows: Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 p.m. (with additional 1:30 p.m. matinees on 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, and 12/26); Saturday at 4:30 and 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (with additional Sunday evening performances on 12/12, 12/29, and 1/5/03.) Tickets are \$38 for performances Tuesday through Thursday and \$48 for performances Friday through Sunday. Theater's website at www.chicagoshakes.com.



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Moraine Valley News

Moraine Valley is offering a new credit course, Visual Basic Programming II, in a new software development platform from Microsoft called .NET.

This course introduces the student to use of the Visual Basic .NET programming language to solve problems from business or other disciplines. Students will be introduced to software design and development using visual, event-driven, and object-oriented programming.

Topics will include coverage of data types, variables, selection statements, loops, multi-form applications, arrays, database processing, structured error handling, and creation of reusable components with classes. This course is suitable as an introduction to Visual Basic .NET for students learning their first programming language, for experienced programmers seeking to learn an additional language, or for experienced Visual Basic 6.0 programmers seeking an introduction to the numerous changes in Visual Basic

.NET. Using Visual Basic .NET, rapid application development is taken to the next level by leveraging the skills Visual Basic developers already possess and enabling them to address any programming task using information that is already familiar and intuitive.

Visual Basic .NET enables developers to:

- Build rich desktop applications using Microsoft Windows Forms

- Create broad-reach Web and mobile Web applications

- Develop non-visual business logic components, including XML Web services.

This revolutionary new software will allow Visual Basic developers to deliver software solutions for the Web and for handheld PDA applications. Starting in the spring 2003 semester, Moraine Valley will offer courses that will prepare students for MCSD certification exams in the new .NET technology.

For more information about the new .NET course, call Larry Langellier, instructor of Management Information Systems at Moraine Valley, at (708) 974-5339.

Registration is underway and classes begin the week of Jan. 13.

Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater will spring to life as the Theater for Young Audiences presents

two Family Series performances of "The Velveteen Rabbit" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21. The Dorothy Menker Theater is located on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

"The Velveteen Rabbit" is a popular children's story about a boy who receives a stuffed rabbit as a gift. The rabbit's one desire is to be real - but will the boy's love be enough to make his rabbit's wish come true? This version of Margery Williams' classic tale features songs, dances, and audience participation. This heartwarming favorite reminds us all that if we believe in ourselves, anything is possible. Tickets for this performance are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 handling fee. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500.

Moraine Valley Community College's Workforce Development and Community Services department will host a grant funding workshop from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003. The purpose of this grant funding workshop is to familiarize businesses with grants that are available to them to help offset the cost of customized training in such areas as management and professional skills, English as a

Second Language, basic skills, Command Spanish, Work Keys profiling, computer skills and networking, and manufacturing systems and procedures. The workshop will cover the grant application process and provide assistance in assessing businesses' training needs.

Grants that will be discussed at the workshop include the current Workforce Training Grant, the Illinois' Manufacturers' Association (IMA) Grant, and the secretary of State Literacy Grants. The cost of this grant funding workshop is \$20. For more information or to register, call Carol Malina in Workforce Development and Community, at (708) 974-5714.

Registration Opens for Children's Programs

The Oak Lawn Public Library Youth Services Department will open registration for many of their Winter/Spring 2003 children's programs Saturday, Jan. 4. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented at enrollment. Ses-

family vehicles packed with gifts will be led by an antique fire engine stacked with gifts and bikes. Upon arriving at the I.B.E.W. headquarters, the firefighters and paramedics and their families will be greeted by Rev. Michael M. Boland, administrator of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The firefighters and "Toy Shower" volunteer then will form a Toy "Bucket Brigade" to hand the 3,000-4000 gifts off the trucks and into the I.B.E.W. main hall. After the precious cargo is unloaded, the firefighters, paramedics and family members will enjoy a festive lunch featuring entertainment and face-painting for children.

The "Toy Parade" will depart from Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2 headquarters at 440 W. 43rd St. on the near Southwest side (4 blocks west of the Dan Ryan expressway) at 10 a.m. The "Toy Parade" will proceed west on 43rd Street on Halsted Street; north on Halsted to Washington Blvd.; and east approximately four blocks to I.B.E.W. headquar-

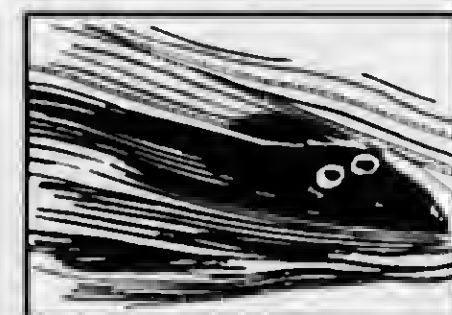
tions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

This season's offerings include: "Read to Succeed with the Chicago Wolves," a reading incentive program for readers through eighth grade; storyhours for children age two through second grade; craft projects offered one week each month; and the Junior Friends of the Library, a volunteer group for students in seventh through tenth grade.

Registration begins Saturday, Feb. 15 for the spring series of storytime sessions offered to children age 12 months through second grade. For additional information, pick up a Winter/Spring 2003 program booklet in the Youth Services Department or call (708) 422-4990.



Archeologists believe pottery was invented about 12,000 years ago.



The gentoo penguin can swim at speeds up to 17 miles per hour.

ters at 600 W. Washington Blvd. in Chicago's West Loop, arriving between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m.

The annual "Parade" has become a highlight of Catholic Charities' annual month-long (Nov. 15-Dec 15) "Toy Shower" to collect toys for the agency's neediest children.

Originated by Chicago firefighter Timothy O'Brien four years ago, the firefighters' annual gift-giving and "Toy Parade" represents the generous efforts of Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2 members from almost every firehouse in the City of Chicago. Toys are needed for almost 15,000 children who receive Catholic Charities' services, from newborns and infants to 18-year-olds. Anyone wishing to contribute new, unwrapped gifts many call Catholic Charities' "Toy Shower Hotline" at (312) 655-7174 or visit www.toyshower.org.

Jim Peterik and World Stage to rock Moraine Valley

Legendary singer-songwriter and area native Jim Peterik will show his audience precisely why his more than 35-year career is still going strong when he and his band, World Stage, perform at Moraine Valley on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25, at 8 p.m. The concerts will be held in the Dorothy Menker Theater, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Peterik, who is best known for writing the Grammy-winning and Oscar nominated hit "Evy of the Tiger," has joined in several collaborations throughout his career with musicians from REO Speedwagon, Blackhawk, Styx, Night Ranger, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Cinderella, and Poi Dog Pondering. He has also teamed with international blues legend Buddy Guy.

Peterik has been involved with several bands of his own. His music career began in 1964 in Chicago as the front man for Ides of March, who had a hit single with "Vehicle." Peterik also completed the lineups of Survivor, the Chi-Town Hustlers and .38 special. He describes his latest album, Jim Peterik and World Stage, as "a tapestry of the styles I love most such as rock, pop and blues." It includes new compositions from Peterik's alliance with several debut artists, alongside remakes of old Peterik classics.

Tickets and additional information are available for the Peterik performance by visiting the Moraine Valley Fine and Performing Arts Box Office or by calling the Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 handling fee. General admission is \$28 and admission for students and staff is \$26.

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Volunteer - tax counselors wanted

If you are interested in assisting Evergreen Park senior residents in preparing their income tax return, and have a morning or afternoon available (Monday, Wednesday or Friday), please contact the Office of Citizens' Services (422-8776). The income tax returns are prepared by appointment only (between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. Volunteer work is rewarding and appreciated - join our Tax Volunteer Team. Volunteer Tax Counselors receive yearly training, so that they are prepared to handle the task with confidence.

Firefighters - 4th annual "Parade of toys"

Over 100 members of the Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2 and their families will hold the 4th annual Firefighters "Toy Parade" on

Saturday morning, Dec. 7, delivering thousands of toys for needy children in Catholic Charities' care during Catholic Charities' 55th Annual "Toy Shower" to the I.B.E.W. (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local Union No. 134 Hall at 600 W. Washington Blvd. in Chicago's West Loop at 10:30 a.m. The I.B.E.W. headquarters are located across the street from Catholic Charities' Central Administration building at 126 N. Desplaines Street (Corner of Desplaines and Randolph Street).

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Swearing in of three commissioners

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced the swearing in of three commissioners effected in November. Commissioner Cynthia Santos (left) was sworn in for her second term, Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany (Center) who is Vice President of the district, took the oath of office to begin her third term and Commissioner Frank Avila is the newly elected Commissioner who will begin his first six year term.

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Xavier president decides to step down

Saint Xavier University Board of Trustees announced today that university president Dr. Richard Yanikoski has decided to leave that post when his current contract expires summer 2003. Board Chair John McCarthy said the president's decision came following a favorable performance review, which is regularly completed six months prior to the end of the term, and despite board efforts to retain the president, Yanikoski has decided to step down in order to return to his career as a scholar.

"President Yanikoski is a dynamic and versatile leader whose commitment to higher education has brought considerable growth for Saint Xavier in reputation, enrollment, facilities, programs and financial stability," McCarthy said. "We will be sorry to see him move on." Announcing his decision to the campus community,

Yanikoski said that he plans to begin what he anticipates will be a ten-year agenda of research projects concerning the status and future of Catholic higher education.

"I am eager to pursue scholarly interests too long deferred," Yanikoski wrote in the memo announcing his decision. "Catholic higher education is a subject that has intrigued me since I began my career and is a matter of personal as well as professional commitment for me."

Yanikoski noted that with renewed strength in the institution's financial stability, all-time high enrollment, new and improved facilities and a heightened awareness of its Catholic identity, the time is right to allow an incoming president to create the university's next strategic steps. He will remain as president through June 30, 2003, when his contract expires, or until December 31 if necessary.

According to McCarthy, the board of trustees is determining a search process, which will include a formal search committee. Yanikoski is the 16th president of Saint Xavier University, founded in 1846 by the Sisters of Mercy as a women's academy. In 1912 it was rechartered as a college. In 1969, Saint Xavier College became co-ed, and in 1992 became Saint Xavier University.

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Marist mission committee making a difference

One of the important principles in the teachings of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers of the Schools, was to encourage others to reach out to those "least favored." This is the key belief which the Marist High School Mission Committee promotes among Marist students and faculty. The Mission Committee is made up of students who are dedicated to making a difference. Through daily homeroom collections and special fund-raising efforts, mission members encourage their peers to reach out to those who have less of the necessities of life.

In addition to assisting the efforts of Marist Missionaries in various parts of the

world such as Rwanda, Mission contributions are shared with local organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Bonaventure House, Amnate House, and other groups that care for those in need. Thanks to the generous donations of the students and faculty, the Marist Mission Committee has been able to distribute an average of \$12,000 yearly in money and goods to these causes.

In addition, three times a year at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, the Mission Committee sponsors an effort to provide food and gifts to local families in order to help them celebrate these occasions. The 2002 Marist Thanksgiving Food Drive wrapped up last week with the Mission successfully providing the makings for a Thanksgiving feast to area families in need. The Christmas season, the Mission Committee is working with local parishes and organizations to gather toys and clothes for families in need. Freshmen students are being asked to donate a new toy or board game (non-violent nature, non-battery operated), sophomores are asked to give

Tis the season to be safe

Decking the halls with boughs of holly may have been a popular means of decorating for holidays of years past, but flashing bulbs, illuminated icicles, even animated figurines on lawns and rooftops are a far more common sight today. And, while there's no denying their beauty, electrical decorations

such as light strings, animated ornaments and figures should be used and displayed with the utmost care.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 10,000 people for injuries related to holiday lights, decorations and trees. To address this alarming trend, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), an independent, not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization, is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a private, nonprofit fire safety advocate group, to sponsor Operation Decoration, a public awareness campaign aimed at helping to promote holiday decorating safety.

The safety professionals at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions when decorating your home this holiday season:

- When purchasing live, cut trees or greens, carefully inspect the needles. If they're brown or break easily, the greenery isn't fresh and poses a greater fire risk. When you take your tree home, put it in a sturdy, non-tip stand and keep it filled with water at all times.
- If your family prefers decorating with artificial trees or greens, purchase those that are flame-retardant. The product packaging

will indicate if the branches of your artificial tree or greens have metallic needles, leaves or branch coverings.

- Place your tree or greens at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Also make sure not to block a doorway or other exit route.

- Use light strings and animated electrical decorations that bear the UL Mark. The UL Mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested representative samples of the product for foreseeable safety hazards such as fire and electric shock.

- Electrical lights strings and decorations such as candlelights and illuminated ornaments that have been tested by UL bear holographic labels – easily identified by their silver base and UL Marks that appear to "float" in the background. Holographic labels for light strings designed for indoor use only bear green UL Listing Marks, and light strings for both indoor and/or outdoor use are identified by red UL Marks.

- Before you begin decorating, your first step should be to follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning installation and maintenance of the electrical decorations you'll be using.

- Before plugging in newly purchased or previously used electrical decorations, carefully inspect each

decoration. Cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new, UL Listed decorations.

- Always unplug a light string or electrical decoration before replacing light bulbs or fuses. Check the instructions to determine which maintenance the manufacturer recommends you perform. In most cases, maintenance is limited to fuse and lamp replacement only. Don't attempt to make a repair unless the instruction indicate the proper procedure and equipment for doing so. Decorations may overheat or safety mechanisms may not operate properly if you use replacement parts other than those specified by the manufacturer.

- Don't mount or support light strings in any way that might damage the cord's wire insulation.

- Check the markings on your electrical decorations to determine the maximum number of decorative light strings that may be connected. If the product packaging does not indicate the number of light strings that may be connected together, practice this rule of thumb: Light strings with the screw-in bulbs (C7s and C9s) should have a maximum of 50 bulbs connected together.

- Don't overload extension cords – it could cause the cord to overheat and start a fire.

- Don't allow children or pets to play with light strings, candle lights or other electrical decorations. These decorations aren't toys and could produce a deadly electric shock if they are misused.

- Turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

- Make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers that bear the UL Mark. Don't forget to install, test and maintain these devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

- Develop and practice a fire escape plan for your household. Never return to a burning building for any reason. Your belongings can be replaced – you can't!

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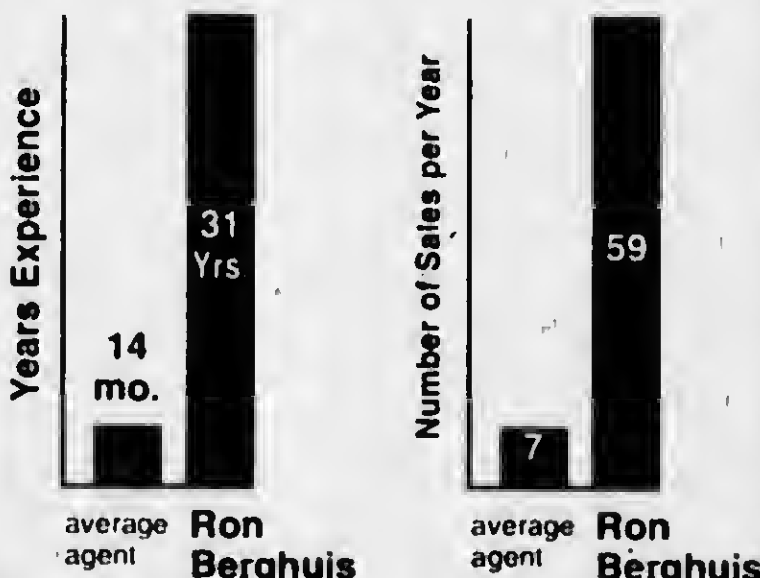
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Tinley Park reduces property tax for homeowners

By Kevin Plienis

The Tinley Park Village Board approved the property tax abatements for four of the Village's General Obligation Bond issues on Dec. 3. The abatements total 89% or \$1,950,226 of a total required debt service levy of \$2,220,226.

As a result of these abatements, \$1,950,226 required tax money will not show in the 2002 property tax bills payable 2003. Property owners of homes worth \$150,000 to \$350,000 will be saving \$200-\$500 in property taxes.

"The average homeowner will receive a benefit of approximately a \$250 reduction in the village portion of their property tax bill as a result of these abatements," said village manager Scott Niehaus.

According to Niehaus, the average abatement since 1995 saved Tinley Park homeowners between \$260 and \$630 annually for homes worth \$150,000 to \$350,000 in the village part of their property tax bill.

"These abatements are possible due to the fiscal

management of the village and utilization of other sources of revenues available to the village to meet these debt service commitments without resorting to property taxes," said Scott.

Mayor Zabrocki said that the village of Tinley Park has been approving abatements for the over 20 years with annual abatements well in excess of one million dollars annually since 1996.

Trustee Rea explained that the village of Tinley Park passed a property tax cap in 1971 long before the state of Illinois and other communities and has stayed within that except in 1979. "We capped our property taxes \$1.21 for \$100 assess valuation," said Rea.

the lower level of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave. Veterans are encouraged to stop in to obtain information on the VA health Care enrollment program. Information is also available regarding medal replacements requests for military records and the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Information regarding pensions for eligible veterans is available and appointments should be made to meet with a veteran counselor to determine eligibility and to gather documentation necessary to process the claim. For more information on the veterans' assistance office and additional services provided by the Mayor's office of Special Services, please call (708) 403-6188.

Orland Veterans' assistance office opens

The Mayor's office of Special Services is now open and offers assistance to veterans. The office is located on



Princess Classics at Allstate Arena

Cinderella's fairytale romance with Prince Charming is one of many magical moments in the all-new Disney On Ice presents Princess Classics, arriving at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL., January 22-26, then moving to Chicago's United Center, January 28 - February 9, 2003.

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Palos Heights plans reduction in service areas for 2003

By Kevin Plenis

Citizens of Palos Heights will be seeing cutbacks in different service areas next year. The 2003 operational fiscal budget was discussed at the Dec. 3 city council meeting. The conference center of Lake Katherine will no longer be open to the public. It used to be open daily from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. for visitors. The conference room will only be available to rent for weddings or associations.

The police department will be losing one full-time officer along with two others who will retire. Only two positions will be replaced.

According to city administrator Bruce Tregl, the city will not replace retirees but there will be no major layoffs of personnel. The waiting time for building inspectors will go from a 24-hour wait to a 72-hour wait time.

During the summer there will be limited weekly mowing of park grounds and state right of ways around Harlem Avenue and Route 83. The Fourth of July celebration will be cut out next year

unless hopefully a major organization picks it up ex-

plained Tregl. The swimming pool along with the recreation center will have limited hours as well.

These "deaths of 1,000 slashes" as Tregl put it is a result of the current \$6.2 million general operational budget. It should be operating at \$7 million in order to keep these services unchanged. "So many times people take services for granted," commented Tregl.

The result of the shortfall in the budget is due to the recession and cutbacks of state funding. Tregl explained that voters did not pass the property tax referendum last month which could have prevented the reduction in service areas. Property taxes make up 14% of the budget. However, the \$2 million bond was passed to improve the roads and the city will continue to do so said Tregl. The \$3 million utility fund and all specialized funds are in good shape also.

Bruce explained that most residents will not see any major changes unless they live near the parks. "We're

trying to keep everything," he said. "We're just lowering the level of services in incremental bases."

Social Security announces benefit increase

Monthly benefit payment will increase by 1.4 percent next year for social security and supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries.

They are among more than 50 million Social Security and SSI beneficiaries nationwide who will receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase. For the average Social Security retiree, the 2003 COLA will mean an extra \$13 a month.

"The 2003 COLA increase tells us that inflation continues to be low, which is certainly good news for the elderly and disabled," said Jo Anne Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security. "Inflation is one of the biggest

challenges for people living on a fixed income, and the annual COLA ensures that a person's monthly benefit doesn't drop in value over time."

Social Security beneficiaries will see the 1.4 percent increase in the payment they receive in January 2003. SSI beneficiaries will see the increase beginning with the payment they receive on Dec. 31.

For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount for all retired workers will rise from \$882 to \$895. The maximum federal SSI monthly payment to an individual will rise from \$545 to \$552. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$817 to \$829.

Of the approximately 155 million workers who pay Social Security taxes, about 9.7 million will be affected by the higher wage base next year. Information about Medicare changes for 2003 can be found at www.hhs.gov - the Internet site for the Department of Health and Human Services.



Peterik and World Stage to perform at Moraine

Jim Peterik and World Stage will perform in Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. Peterik is best known for his involvement with Survivor and Ides of March. He wrote the Grammy-winning and Oscar-nominated tune "Eye of the Tiger."



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Breads of the world

Benita Boucon (left) and Naida Hough (right) gathered and prepared bread from about 15 different countries, including Sweden, Armenia, Germany, Hungary, Mexico, Israel, France, Holland, Lithuania, Arabia and Denmark for World Communion Sunday at Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 Harlem Ave, Palos Heights, IL. They said it was a labor of love to give everyone "a tangible reminder that we are all bound together in the 'bread basket' of life!"

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St. Bernadette's Choirs honored

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The broadcast will begin

at 4:00 a.m. Chicago time (11:00 a.m. Rome time) and "will feature the Pope's holiday message, blessings and greetings in more than 60 languages. The broadcast will also air videotaped segments from the Pope's numerous travels across the globe over the past twenty-five year." (Process Limited News Release)

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Army & Air Force News

Air Force Airman Randall S. Diericks has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military

Bernadette's parish choirs are participants. Rev. Gary Miller, Pastor, indicated "I am very grateful to Maggie, and the talented and generous members of our choirs, for seizing the opportunity to do this: if we receive more particular information we will certainly pass it on to our parishioners." The Web address is www.vaticanchristmas2002.com.

customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Diericks is the son of Wendy Diericks of S. Menard, Burbank, Ill. In 2002, he graduated from

Students complete G.R.E.A.T. program

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at 4:00 a.m. Chicago time (11:00 a.m. Rome time) and "will feature the Pope's holiday message, blessings and greetings in more than 60 languages. The broadcast will also air videotaped segments from the Pope's numerous travels across the globe over the past twenty-five year." (Process Limited News Release)

It is truly an honor that St.

Army & Air Force News

Air Force Airman Randall S. Diericks has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military

Bernadette's parish choirs are participants. Rev. Gary Miller, Pastor, indicated "I am very grateful to Maggie, and the talented and generous members of our choirs, for seizing the opportunity to do this: if we receive more particular information we will certainly pass it on to our parishioners." The Web address is www.vaticanchristmas2002.com.

customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Diericks is the son of Wendy Diericks of S. Menard, Burbank, Ill. In 2002, he graduated from

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Oak Lawn Children's Museum coming soon

The Oak Lawn Children's Musuem recently signed a contract with for building four exhibits. The facility - located on East Lakeshore Drive in Oak Lawn - has been refurbished and expects to open sometime around May. Photos left to right: Michelle, Joann Buschbad, Peter Hetzel from Dimension Craft, Inc., Jim Buschbad, Cathy Cepican, Darlene Blanz and Gene Mondello.

December 31 goes out with a blast

By: Annette Dixon

In the years before 9-11-01, it was not illegal to shoot in celebration of the end of the year. Now you may say that's not true; it has always been illegal to use a gun on New Year's Eve. Lately as the year's progress - especially in Oak Lawn - the sounds of guns have become more rampant than years of yesterday.

What are these shooters thinking? Are they the same people who protect us as civil servants or are they the people who own a gun illegally or legally. Where is the NRA supporters through this event? Does anyone do a 30 second or 60 second shot against this vile action before New Year's Eve?

Accidents do occur each year from gunshots. It's either because of ricochet bullets or a direct hit! Please abide by the law and put the guns away this year. Let this year be the beginning of a peaceful celebration with laughter and soft music, rather than blasts of gunfire.

My mother, Rose Stella,

wanted to thank Dr. Francis Lopez for helping her get through two weeks of pneumonia. One week later she also went under angioplasty surgery. She is home recuperating and wanted to thank both Little Company of Mary and Christ Hospital for all their kind service.

Bob Kuenster, of Thompson and Kuenster Funeral home, is shocked about the fire that took place at his facility. He lost his residence and two funeral parlors - but not his friends. Fellow funeral directors offered their facility but Bob diligently went to work. First, he made signs announcing they where available for business. Then they hired people to clean and rebuild his residence and parlors. And of course, Bob could not forget to decorate the outside so beautifully as he does each Christmas. Our heart is with you and our wish for you this Christmas is that you remain healthy.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sharyn Guerin who recently suffered the loss of her husband William. The funeral was Saturday, Dec. 28 at St. Linus

in Oak Lawn. Sharyn and Bill have volunteered and worked on many committees in Oak Lawn. God Bless and may he be with you in your time of sorrow.

Green Hills Library news

Children ages 3 to 5 can come to the Green Hills Public Library's six week Winter Story Time. Parents must remain in the library during the Story Time. Registration begins Jan. 2. Come to the time slot that works best for you; Tuesday, Jan. 14 - February 18, 10:30 a.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 15

to Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m. Call the Youth Services Department at 598-8446 ext. 19 to register or for more information. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd St. Palos Hills.

Children ages 9-11 are invited to explore various celebrations from around the world. Come see how people celebrate Holidays Around the World Wednesday, Jan 8 to Feb. 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Call the Youth Services Department at (708) 598-8446 to register or for more information.

Stop into the Green Hills Public Library beginning Jan. 14 to sign up for our adult winter reading program, "A Jolt of Java" which runs through Feb. 25. Prizes include gift certificates from area coffee shops. For more information call the Reference Department at (708) 598-8446.

Calling all young adults ages 11-15. Do you like music, meeting new people, and eating junk food? Then come join us on Thursday nights filled with live entertainment. Stop into Youth Services to register. Registration starts on Jan. 2. This program runs Thursday Jan. 16 to Feb. 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call the youth services department at (708) 596-8446 ext 19 for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd St. Palos Hills.



Maria Pappas on Community in Focus

Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, was a recent guest on "Community in Focus" cable television show on channel 43, hosted by Ed McElroy. The topic of conversation was paying your taxes through one of the 121 LaSalle Banks in the southwest area of Chicago. Also discussed was the advantages for seniors offered by the County. More information can be obtained by calling the Treasurer's office at 312-603- or visit their web site at www.cookcountytreasurer.com Pictured is Ed McElroy and Maria Pappas.

ANIMAL FACTS & FIGURES

Darker Hair Is A Sign of Vitality For Male Lions

(NAPS)—When it comes to selecting a mate, female lions seem to remember the mane.

That's one of the indications of research conducted by Peyton M. West and Craig Packer from the Department of Ecology at the University of Minnesota.

West and Packer studied the African lions residing in the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. They found that the mane of the African lion reflects the overall health of the male. The research appeared in the journal *Science*, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

In particular, they found that a darker mane indicates that the male is well-fed and has a sufficient level of testosterone—both of which seem to be factors that have a positive influence on females when it comes time to select a mate.

The study did not indicate how the males handled rejection during cocktail hour at the watering hole or how they responded if they were passed over for a promotion because their mane was no longer dark.

Human males encounter some similar challenges. According to the Just For Men® Haircolor "Great Dating" survey, good grooming plays a significant role in the dating success of men ages 30-54.

- When shown photos of the same man with and without gray hair, in at least 4 out of 5 cases, the man without gray hair was viewed as more successful in the dating game.

- More than two-thirds of unmarried women would prefer to date a man without gray hair.



Researchers have found that a darker mane on an African lion is most often a sign of good health.

Appearance matters when it comes to success in the workplace and job market as well. According to the Just For Men Haircolor "Strategies for Job Success" survey of professional career advisors, nearly 70 percent of respondents said that appearance impacts salary, and looking younger is important for men's career advancement and promotion. Nearly 65 percent of respondents reported that their male clients had lost out on a job because they looked too old.

Humans, however, have a few options not available to lions. For example, human males can change their appearance by using a hair-coloring product, such as Just For Men Haircolor products.

The product takes only five minutes to work, because it targets and colors only the gray hairs, leaving your natural color alone. There won't be the dramatic color change that's sometimes found with women's hair colors. The color—available in eight shades—lasts up to six weeks, or from haircut to haircut.

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(NAPS)—With lessons learned from the Gulf War, Somalia and the recent war in Central Asia, the U.S. Army is challenging soldiers to excel as part of a faster, more effective fighting force built on the strength of superior training, technology and information networks. The evolution is a keystone of the Army's Transformation plan, an Army-wide focus on how it responds to any threat, anywhere in the world, with speed and stealth. For information about career opportunities in the U.S. Army, visit <http://goarmy.com>.

Film Movement, a new film distribution company that hopes to broaden access to films, is offering a new subscription DVD service for first-run films. The subscription DVD service allows film fans to see critically acclaimed films that premiered at top festivals such as Cannes and Sundance. Each month, subscribers receive an award-winning American independent, foreign or documentary film on DVD, available exclusively from Film Movement. In addition to receiving these films at home, subscribers may view these films free of charge on the big screen. As an added benefit, subscribers may also receive free admission to private screenings and receive discounts at film festivals. Members also receive exclusive benefits on www.thefilmmovement.com, such as the opportunity to rate each month's film with fellow members and the ability to e-mail the filmmakers and select cast members.

Seniors Ask about New Year's resolution

Question: I've made the same New Year's resolution year after year—exercise, lose weight and quit smoking, but I've never been able to "stick to it." The older I get the harder it seems to change. I'm a widower in my 60's and live alone. Any ideas?

Answer: Less than half the people who achieve their New Year's resolution do it the first time. Don't give up; this may be your year to achieve your goals. If you've been trying on your own, maybe it's time you reached out for help. Exercise programs are not hard to find. They're offered through hospitals clinics and community centers and need not be costly. Find a program that will maintain or improve cardiovascular fitness, joint flexibility, muscular strength and endurance. By joining a group, you'll be more inclined to keep up the exercise on regular basis. It will also help you learn how to properly use stationary bikes, treadmills, stair climbers, hand weights, and other equipment. Many programs are even directly tailored to individuals 50 and older.

Their goal is to help older people achieve "functional fitness" by helping them remain independent and vital. Research suggests seniors who exercise regularly may be able to avoid, postpone, reduce or reverse declines in physical performance levels. Just a brief walk each day is a "step" in the right direction. Secondly, losing weight is probably everyone's top resolution, and can also be accomplished with help offered through weight management classes. Find a individualized or group program offered by a registered dietician or counselor that will help you understand what is causing excess weight, overeating or resistance to physical activity. You can also learn about how eating habits should change as you age. For example, there is a modified food pyramid for those age 70 and older which recommends fewer calories and servings, but more nutrient-dense foods. Again, many hospitals are an excellent source for such classes.

Even if you don't attend a class to give you that "extra push," at least try to eat bet-

ter and in the right amounts. Many single people don't understand the basics of cooking, or think that cooking involves making large quantities. But, it needn't be complicated. Instead of cooking a large meal, make just a few items. Change your meal choices throughout the week to meet all your dietary needs. For salads, prewashed packaged salad greens can be a good alternative to buying heads of lettuce and cleaning and chopping all the vegetables. You are already ahead of the game by making good resolutions. Here's hoping you cross the finish line! If you have any questions or want more information, please call the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at (800) 252-8966.

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Sandoval presented with resolution

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, recently presented a resolution to outgoing Commissioner Martin A. Sandoval. Sandoval was elected to the Illinois State Senate in November and will be sworn in on January 9, 2003 in a ceremony held in Springfield, Illinois. President O'Brien stated that he and the Board of Commissioners are "very grateful to Sandoval for the contributions he made to the District."

Save on energy bills

The Community Energy Cooperative, a Chicago based non-profit membership organization, invites Chicagoland residents to sign up now for the Energy-Smart Pricing plan (ESPP). ESPP can help participants save 10 percent or more on their energy bill.

Space is limited: only 1,500 households will be able to participate in the program in 2003, the first year of a three-year pilot.

This is the first program of its kind to be offered in Illinois. ESPP will provide participating residential customers with a groundbreaking alternative electricity rate. That cooperative will provide all program participants with tools and information that will help them manage their electricity use so they can save money on their energy bills. These tools and information include day-ahead price in-

formation patterns and special alerts when energy prices are high. Some participants will also receive new programmable thermostats. The Cooperative is targeting areas where most of its 7,000 members reside: Pilsen, Little Village, Austin, Elgin, Park Forest, Evanston and several far northwest side communities of Chicago. However, anyone who is a new or existing member of the Cooperative can apply for ESPP. For more information, call toll free (877) 655-6028.

Aircraft inspection classes

Moraine Valley offers a variety of Aircraft Inspection classes (formerly Non-Destructive Evaluation classes) during the spring 2003 semester. The following courses are offered: Introduction to NDE (Non-Destructive Evaluation), Liquid Penetrant Examination, Magnetic Particle Testing, Industrial Radiographic Safety, Internship orientation, industrial radiographic principles, Industrial X-ray Applications, Eddy Current Testing, Industrial Gamma Ray Application, Ultrasonic Testing (UT) Principles, UT Shear Wave Applications, NDE Process Procedure Development and NDE Internship. Classes begin the week of January 13. For more information call (708) 974-5400.

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Moraine Valley growing fast

Moraine Valley ranks among the fastest growing community colleges in the nation. The college is 47th among 163 two-year, public institutions that fit the largest-enrollment category - more than 10,000 students, according to a special report in the Dec. 9 issue of "Community College Week." The ranking was based on an enrollment comparison of fall 2000 with fall 2001. Moraine Valley grew by 8.2 percent in fall 2001 compared with fall 2000.

The 2002 fall semester reflected that continuing growth. The college's enrollment of 14,480 credit students was record high fall enrollment and a 3.2 percent increase over the 2001 semester with 14,033 credit students.

"We are extremely pleased that Moraine Valley continues to be the college of choice for our community," President Vernon O. Crawley said. "We are meeting our mission of providing an accessible, affordable environ-

ment for learning that promotes quality in education and excellence in service."

The special report was compiled by Dr. Victor M.H. Borden, associate vice chancellor for Information Management and Institutional Research at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. The report analyzed 940 of the nation's 992 public, two-year institutions divided into four enrollment categories. There are 1,171 public and private two-year schools in the U.S.

participate in this renewal experience. For further information, contact Pastor Char Hoffmann at (708) 422-8451. Visit the church's website at <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/fumcep> for complete schedule of church activities. Also the new officers for the United Methodist Women of the Church in Evergreen Park, were installed at a recent Sunday Worship Service. Leaders include, president, Helen Nevill, Oak Lawn, co-vice-presidents Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park & Ralene Lyons, Oak Lawn, and treasurer Mary Ruth Kirincic of Evergreen Park. The Special Mission Award was presented to Nancy Harvey, Chicago, for her outstanding service to the women's program.

The first meeting of the UMW for 2003 will be on Thursday, Jan. 9 at a 12:30 p.m. soup and dessert luncheon. The members-at-large will prepare a variety of soups to suit the tastes of all. Following the meal a short UMW meeting will be conducted by President Helen Nevill. Devotions will be led by Marie Wilzewski of Evergreen Park. Maggie O'Bradovich, President of the Chicago Southern District UMW will speak on the major thrust of the UMW. Mission Support. The meeting is open to any interested women. Call the church at (708) 422-8451 or President Helen (708) 499-6254 for further information.

Church News

Worship at the Evergreen Park First United Methodist Church, 94th St. & Hoam Ave., on Sunday, January 12 at 10:15 a.m. will feature the John Wesley Covenant Service and Baptismal Renewal. This service is a time to reaffirm our covenant with God and to celebrate what Christ has done and continues to do for us.

Everyone is invited to par-

Men's health event

Blue Island-St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is holding a new Men's Wellness Event for February American Heart Month.

• Men's wellness event: St. Francis Hospital is hosting its first annual event exclusively for men's health awareness issues. The Men's Wellness event will take place Sat. Feb 22 from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Orland Township Activity Center located at 15100 94th Ave. in Orland Park. Cost is \$40, includes buffet-style lunch. This event will include the following services:

- Cardiac presentation: Men and Heart Disease
- Complete Cholesterol profile & prostate specific Antigen (PSA) Screenings
- Chair massages performed by certified massage therapists
- Cancer & Cardiac Risk Assessment
- Pilates and Strength Training Demonstration performed by licensed physical therapist.
- Colorectal Cancer Slide show presentation sponsored by the American Cancer Society.
- Take home Colorectal Cancer kits
- Body Fat composition testing
- Refreshments, lunch, Give-aways, and raffle prizes. To register or for more information, call (708) 385-4433. To register or for more information, call (708) 385-4433.

Rice entrance exam

Brother Rice High School, 1001 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, will hold its Entrance Examination for eighth grade boys Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8 a.m. Test takers should bring two #2 pencils and a \$20 testing fee. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, contact John Konecki at (773) 779-3410.



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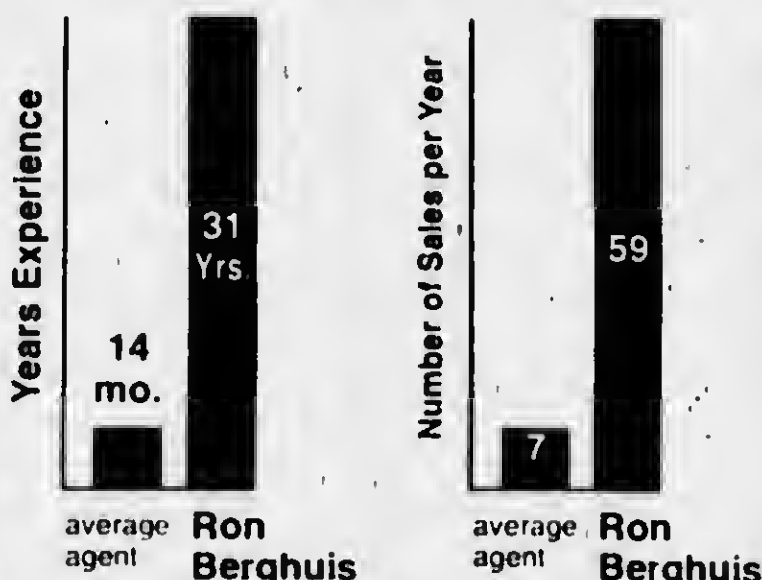
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The Exonerated at the Shubert

The Culture Project, Dede Harris, Morton Swinsky, Bob Balaban, Harit Allan Buchman in association with Patrick Blake and David Elliott, Jane Bergere, Ruth Hendel, Cheryl Wiesenfeld and Clear Channel Entertainment announce the Chicago engagement of The Exonerated at The Shubert Theatre for 16 performances only Tuesday, Feb. 4 through Sunday, Feb. 16. This new drama ripped directly from today's headlines is written by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen, directed by Bob Balaban who returns to re-stage this extraordinary production, starring stage and film star Brian Dennehy and TV star Marlo Thomas. Tickets go on sale Friday, Dec. 20. The Exonerated will play at The Shubert Theatre from February 4 through February 16, 2003. The performance schedule will be as follows: Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Wednesdays at 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 8 p.m.; Fridays at 8:00 p.m.; Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 8:30.; and Sunday at 3 p.m. and

7:30 p.m. Tickets to The Exonerated, which range in price from \$15 to \$65 and go on sale Friday, Dec. 20. For tickets, call (312) 902-1400.

"The Tale of the Allergist's Wife comes to Shubert

Television and stage legend Valerie Harper will star in the Tony nominated hit Broadway comedy, "The Tale of The Allergist's Wife," January 14 through 26, 2003, at The Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe St. in Chicago. Written by Charles Busch and directed by Lynne Meadow, "The Tale of The Allergist's Wife" is the smart and witty tale of Marjorie Taub (played by Valerie Harper), a culture-obsessed upper middle-class New Yorker whose mid-life crisis deepens when her glamorous, childhood friend Lee (Played by Jana

Robbins) reappears for a mysterious visit. Marjorie's highly accomplished husband, Ira, is played by Mike Burstyn. The cast also includes Sondra James, as Marjorie's eccentrically vocal mother and Jonathan Hova, as Mohammed, the Taubs' philosophical doorman. This deliciously deviant social satire is filled with wicked fun and delightful surprises. Ticket prices range from \$22 to \$65. To order tickets, call, (312) 902-1400.

Little Shop of Horrors at Drury Lane

The delightful musical "Little Shop of Horrors" will fill the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage for the first time from Jan. 8 until March 9, 2003, and marks the end of the 2002-2003 season. This off-beat musical won over critics when it first opened at the Orpheum Theatre in 1982. Little Shop of Horrors has a book and lyrics by Howard Ashman with music by Alan Menken. Drury Lane

Oakbrook's artistic director, Ray Frewen, will direct. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 (depending on the day of the week); dinner and theatre Packages starting at \$38.75.

Fleet Hometown News

Marine Corps Pvt. Ryan M. Carrasquillo, son of Becky S. and Tony W. Carrasquillo of Evergreen Park, IL, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Carrasquillo successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Carrasquillo and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Carrasquillo spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a infan-

try unit during field training. Carrasquillo and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Carrasquillo and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began. Carrasquillo is a 2002 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

Marine Corps Sgt. Thomas L. Creamer, son of Susan T. and George F. Creamer of Chicago, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron Four, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.

Creamer was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. Creamer is a 1996 graduate of Thallabaun Academy of Blue Island and joined the Marine Corps in Dec. 1999.

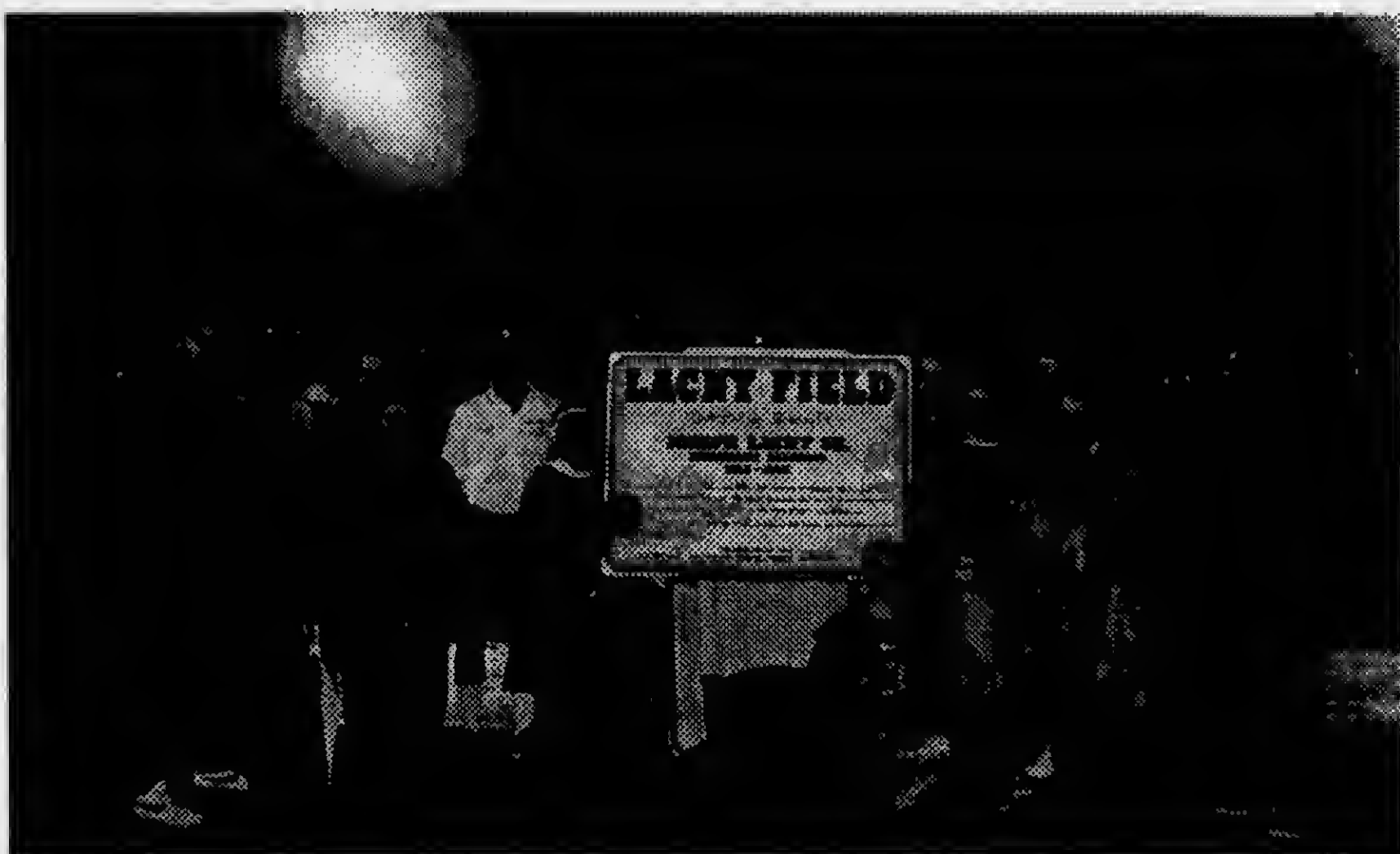
Air Force Airman 1st Class Angela C. Grudzinski,

daughter of Mary C and Donald Grudzinski of Oak Lawn, IL, recently graduated from the Communications Signals Collection and Processing Course at Naval Technical Training Center Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla.

During the course, Grudzinski and other Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force students receive instruction on the gathering and analyzing of intelligence information. Grudzinski took the course as a prerequisite for entrance into one of more than five cryptologic technician technical branch specialized courses. Grudzinski is a 2001 graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn and joined the Air Force in Oct. 2001.

Free Foot Screenings

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center offers free foot screenings. Dr. Robert Gelles, DPM will be conducting free foot screenings on Jan. 3, 10, 17, 31 and Feb. 7 at the St. Francis Pavilion, located at 2310 York Street in Blue Island. To schedule an appointment, please call (708) 385-6911.



Field Dedicated in Memory of Joe Lacny, SR.

The west practice football field on the St. Rita High School Campus was recently dedicated in the memory of the late Joseph Lacny, Sr., honorary alumnus, who for decades dedicated his time and talents to the St. Rita High School Football Program. Throughout the 1970's, '80's and '90's, Mr Lacny worked as the program's manager and mentor who touched thousands of Mustang athletes' lives with his kindness and words of encouragement. Family members and friends attended the field dedication ceremony on Sept. 20th during a football halftime presentation. Pictured - Front row from left: Martin Lacny, Irene Oles, Sister Mantina, Laura Lacny, MaryJane Lacny, John Lacny, Back row from left: Marty Lacny '89, Dennis Oles '69, Joe Lacny '64, Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, '83, St. Rita President/Principal, Paul Lacny '82. Little guys in foreground are Cody and Jake.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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The no bake Christmas treat

With the hustle and bustle of the season at full throttle hit was either do or be Scrooge when planning some holiday partying for very special tiny tots. Every year it's the same regret echoed from the south side of Chicago to the North Pole. There never seems to be enough time for doing the good stuff, like making Christmas tree cakes, made all the more fun with four extra pair of helping hand belonging to the toddlers in my care.

The kitchen table was turned into a mini sweet shop for the afternoon. The littlest of elves knelt of chairs and patiently waited as their chaperone of confection metered out all the necessary ingredients—a couple of cups of flour coco, a few sticks of butter, sugar, vanilla, and pre-measured amounts of water. We were all set and ready to bake up some Christmas magic.

It was when I reached in the frig that I remembered one important thing—I forgot to add eggs to my holiday shopping list. Now how do you burst the bubble of

four, eager beaver bakers, in training, when their hearts and lip are lips are set on licking the spatula that should be dripping with chocolate cake batter? Well you don't.

With classic Christmas carols filling the room with joy and the children in a jolly mood, plans were slightly changed.

The bowls of cake batter were set aside, along with the Christmas tree baking pans. Flour was mixed with water, salt and baking soda and—presto!—play dough cookies were created.

Food coloring turned the drab blobs of white dough into a rainbow of bright cheery color. The children were soon knee deep in ooey-goey glee, and the best part of all was watching them just be kids, which of course, for them, meant the messier the merrier! We all settled for a snack of Oreo cookies since their finished masterpieces ended up being decorative piles of goop laying on a cookie sheet that would never see the oven. Eventually the Christmas tree cakes were made and decorated

with M&M's, gum drops, sprinkles, and icing squeezed out of a tube.

But the fake dough cookie party proved that you don't always have to break a few eggs to make a good omelet—or in this case, a good time. Through the years I've often wondered if those children, who are now old enough to make cookies on their own, remember out little festive fiasco, and their slightly crazy care giver.

One day, while doing last minute shopping at the mall, I ran into one of those children who spent a small part of her pre-school days with me.

Her parents and I chatted for a few minutes, and then their daughter, a now stunningly beautiful eighth grader, came walking over. She politely said hello, but I could tell she really didn't remember me. And as I thought about that Christmas, so many years ago, surrounded by the happy faces of children who blessed my days, I realized an incredible joy. The good times we plan for, and share, with children are the gifts we keep on giving back to ourselves, year after year, through memories that are unwrapped with gratitude and love each time they are brought to mind.

Library Board Meeting Change

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their next monthly meeting one week earlier than usual on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public in the library's Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

St. Valentine's Day Massacre show

The friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to see a light-hearted re-enactment of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre on Friday, Feb. 14. The in-person registration will be held 9-11

a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Witness the most notorious mob crime of the roaring twenties recreated in a musical comedy revue at Tommy Gun's Garage, an interactive dinner theater styled after a Prohibition era speakeasy. Participants are encouraged

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Senate week in review

Springfield— Changes in Illinois' death penalty system, better tools to help law enforcement fight terrorism, and the end of an era in Senate Republican leadership were the highlights of action this week as the Illinois Senate wrapped up its fall legislative session, according to State Sen. Patrick O'Malley.

O'Malley said the death penalty reform package was prompted by the exoneration of 13 death row inmates in recent years. On Jan. 31, 2002, Gov. George Ryan declared a moratorium on death penalty executions until reforms could be implemented. The Senate conducted months of public hearings in communities throughout the state and from those meeting have come meaningful recommendations for change that build on the reforms the Legislature and the Supreme Court have already put in place during the last several years.

House Bill 5657 authorizes the Supreme Court to

reverse a death sentence, grants the right of DNA comparison analysis, prohibits the administration of the death penalty for persons with mental retardation, clarifies that the Capital Crimes Litigation Act allows funding for forensic testing, and requires clemency petitions to be filed within 30 days of the Court's order. The legislation also calls for local police commissions to report to the Illinois Training and Standards Board (the certification body for all Illinois police officers) administrative findings that a police officer committed perjury and codifies current case law requiring that a defendant's request for forensic testing be allowed whenever such testing would significantly advance the claim of actual innocence, even if it would not by itself exonerate him/her.

House Bill 5657 is pending in the House of Representatives. The Senate also voted to override the Governor's veto of antiterrorism legisla-

tion approved this spring. During the summer, the Governor made significant changes to House Bill 2058, including the removal of a death-penalty provision. The Senate action this week rejects all of the Governor's changes and restores provisions making the act of terrorism an eligibility factor for the death penalty.

House Bill 2058 addresses such issues as charities collecting money for terrorist organizations, limiting the ability of nonresident aliens to acquire an FOID card, death penalty for terrorist acts, making terrorist threats, search warrants, and freezing assets and seizing property of terrorist organizations. The House also rejected the Governor's changes so the legislation now becomes law.

In other action, Senate President James "Pate" Philip of Wood Dale announced Dec. 4 he would not seek reelection as Republican Leader. At the conclusion of

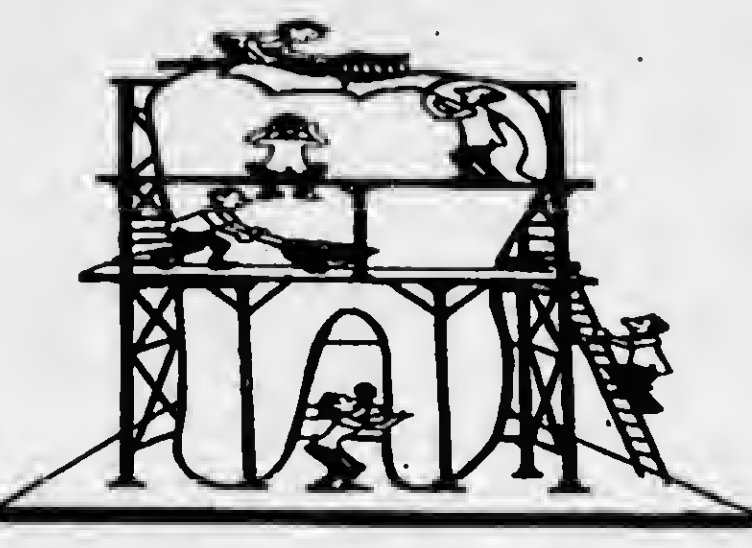
his term next month, Philip will have served as the Senate Republican Leader for nearly 22 years—longer than any other Senate legislative leader of either party in Illinois history.

Replacing Philip is Assistant Senate Majority Leader Frank Watson of Greenville, who was selected during a membership meeting Dec. 5. Watson will lead the 26 members of the Republican caucus in the 93rd General Assembly when members are sworn into office on Jan. 8, 2003.

Watson was first elected to the State Senate in 1982, having served the four previous years in the House of Representatives. He has served as an Assistant Majority Leader in the Senate since 1993.

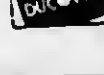


Philip has been Senate President since 1993, following Republican election victories that resulted in a 32-seat majority in the upper chamber. Philip was first ap-

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pointed Senator on Sept. 2 1981, following the death of David Shapiro. Philip completed the term and was elected for five additional two-year terms as Senate Minority Leader. On Jan. 13, 1993, Philip was elected Senate President and has been reelected four times since then.

The Senate also approved two bills sponsored by Senator O'Malley. His House Bill 2742 creates an income tax checkoff for the Illinois Mili-

tary Family Relief Fund to help the families of military personnel called to active duty because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

O'Malley's House Bill 3717, also known as "Project Safe Child," strengthens laws against child abduction, solicitation and pornography. The Senate will reconvene Jan. 6 2003, to finish the business of the 92nd General Assembly before the 93rd General Assembly convenes Jan. 8, 2003.

Army & Air Force News

Air Force Airman Randall S. Diericks has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Diericks is the son of Wendy Diericks of S. Menard, Burbank, Ill. In 2002, he graduated from Reavis High School in Burbank.

Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Allan G. Smith has

been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who distinguish themselves by either outstanding achievement or meritorious service to the United States in noncombat situations.

Smith is an instructor-writer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Warrant Officer Career Center at Fort Rucker, Enterprise, Ala. He is the son of Rose T Ingalls of S 78th Ave., Hickory Hills, Ill. His wife, Shawna, is the daughter of B.J. Haddon of Rucker Lan Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Fleet Hometown News

Navy Seaman Recruit Orlando W. Morales son of Betsy Y. Figueroa of 5518 S. Rutherford Ave., Chicago, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Morales is a 2002 graduate of Curie High School of Chicago and joined the Navy in July 2002.

Navy Hospitalman Recruit Brian R. Nawara, son of Cynthia M. and Glenn G. of Chicago, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, IL.

During the 14-week course, Nawara learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Nawara also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Nawara's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with his training, Nawara can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation and food service inspections. Nawara is a 2000 graduate of St. Laurence High School of

Chicago and joined the Navy in June 2002.

Marine Corps Pfc. Jason S. Ball, son of Gwynne and Edmond J. Ball of Oak Lawn., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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Moraine Valley News

A Court Reporting course is offered at Moraine Valley in the spring 2003 semester. Court Reporting is a class offered on the Moraine Valley campus by South Suburban College. The instructor of the course will use video technology originated at South Suburban College to teach the class at Moraine Valley. Call Diana Abernathy at South Suburban College at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2665, for information or to register. Moraine Valley offers its own extensive variety of credit

and non-credit classes and certificate programs as well. Registration is underway for Moraine Valley's spring 2003 semester. Classes begin the week of Jan. 13. Tuition is \$51 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the admission, records and registration office, located in the college center, on campus 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110. (TT/TTD for the hearing impaired (708) 974-9556). Previously enrolled students can also register online via the college's Web at, www.morainevalley.edu. Also, Moraine Valley offers two Geography classes during the spring 2003 semester.

The classes offered are Cultural Geography and World Regional Geography.

Caregivers support group

Caregivers need care too. A support group for caregivers is being offered at Palos Park Recreation Center, 8901 W. 123rd St., Palos Park. This is a 10 week series held on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., beginning January 9, 2003. This is a free event. If you are a primary caregiver of someone you love, this group will offer support and help along the way. Using the award winning video series "Aging Parents: The Family Survival Guide" and through shared experience you will find strength for the journey. There will be a con-

fidential small group facilitated by trained leaders, experienced care-givers, Palos Park residents and members of Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church. Anyone is welcome! However, group size is limited. To sign up call Dorothy Wertzbaugher at (708) 448-5220 between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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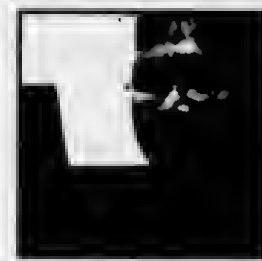
Hamfesters amateur radio club

The Hamfesters monthly meeting will be held on Jan. 3, 2003, at the Crestwood Community Center, located at 14025 Kostner Ave. in Crestwood IL. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end around 9:00 p.m. all are welcome.

This month's meeting will consist of Dawn Maxey Presenting information on "Guide Dogs," her experience as a guide dog user. She will be discussing & demonstrating on how life is being blind and having to use a dog.

During the meeting there will be refreshments served and you will be able to converse with many Amateur Radio Operators to whom attend these meetings and find out what Amateur Radio is all about. For more information about the club, visit or call WA9HIR Vice President/Program Director at (708) 749-0395.

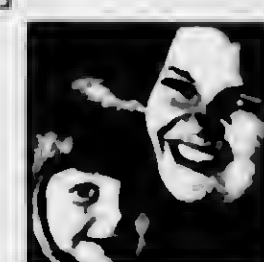
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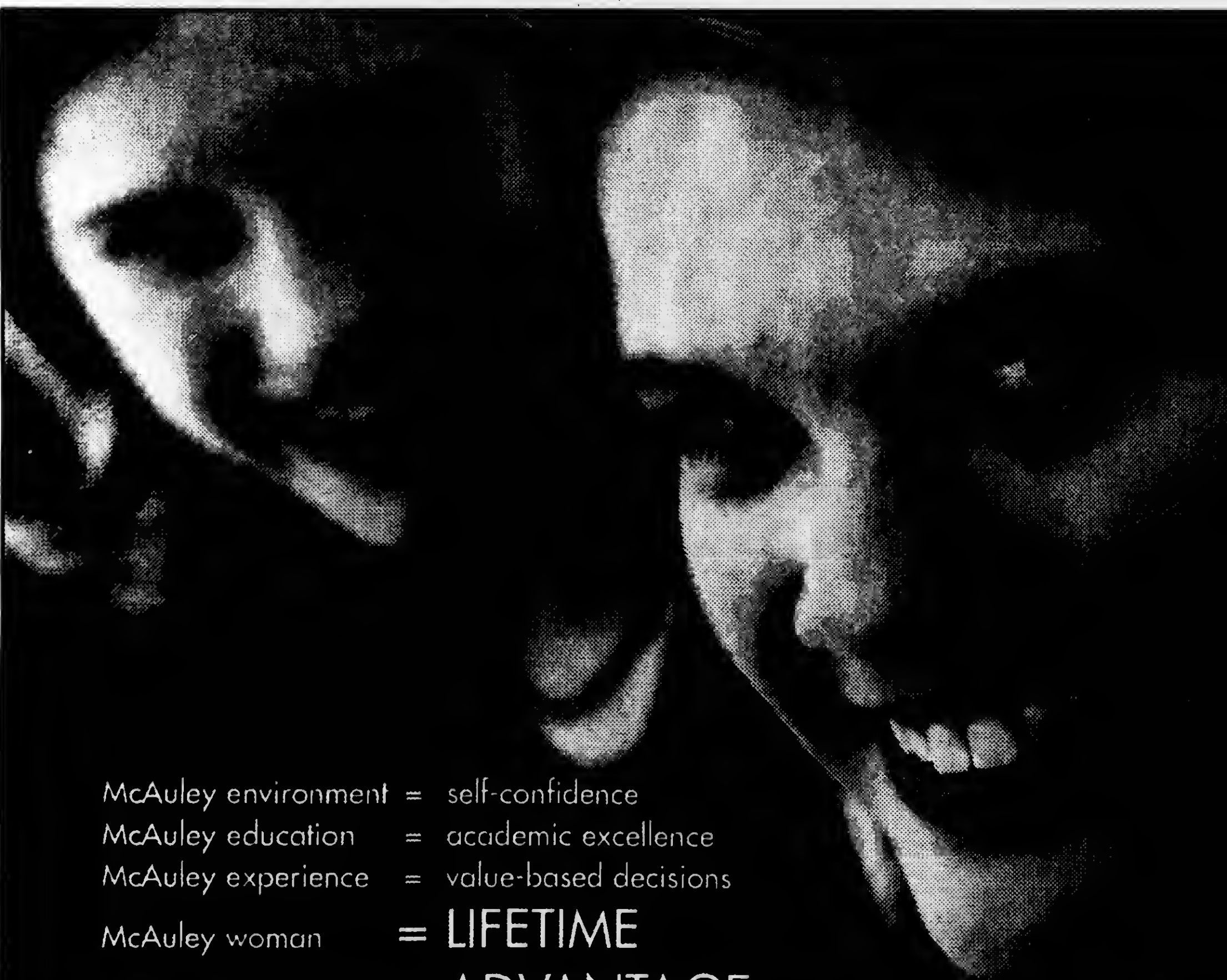
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Carquest, World of Wheels come to Chicago

It will be one rubber-burnin' peel down memory lane for car buffs attending the 41st annual CARQUEST World of Wheels, Friday, Jan. 31 through Sunday, Feb. 2, at Chicago's McCormick Place East. Millions of dollars worth of one-of-a-kind custom cars, antiques and other souped-up street machines will be on display, vying for part of a total series purse of \$85,000.

A number of motorized milestones will take center stage at this year's show, including Street Rodder Magazine's Celebration of Ford's 100th Anniversary and the 50th Anniversary of America's original sports car, the Corvette. The first-ever life-size Hot Wheels car will make its debut, presented by Eagle One - a radically modified, space-age, candy apple red street machine, based directly on Mattel's die-cast fantasy "Twin Mill" model from the 1960s.

The "King of Kustomizers," George Barris, will unveil his latest creation - a '41 Chrysler with '42 Cadillac fenders, extended 23 inches to rest on an '82 Corvette chassis. Dubbing the show stopper "Chrysler City Coupe," Barris and collaborator Jerry Kind channeled the frame six inches and sectioned the

cowl and hood to achieve a low overall height of only 48 inches to the top of the car. There's a hydraulically-powered reversing rumble seat and rich, butterscotch leather interior, trimmed with baseball-style stitching. Among celebrities scheduled to make appearances are: former Chicago Bear William "The Refrigerator" Perry; Verne Troyer, best known for his role as Mini-Me in the Austin Power movies; and wrestling legend Jerry "The King" Lawler, who made national headlines when he pile-drove comedian Andy Kaufman on the David Letterman Show. Also on the docket are American Graffiti stars Bo Hopkins and Candy Clark, and two-time Daytona 500 winner Sterling Marlin.

New to the 2003 show is the "Chi-Town Tear-Down Pit Crew Competition," a contest of time, skill and teamwork among auto tech students from 30 Chicago-area high schools and technical colleges, sponsored by Mechanics Local 701. Each team of four will race against the clock to tear down and completely reassemble a four- or six-cylinder engine. Contests are scheduled for Noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

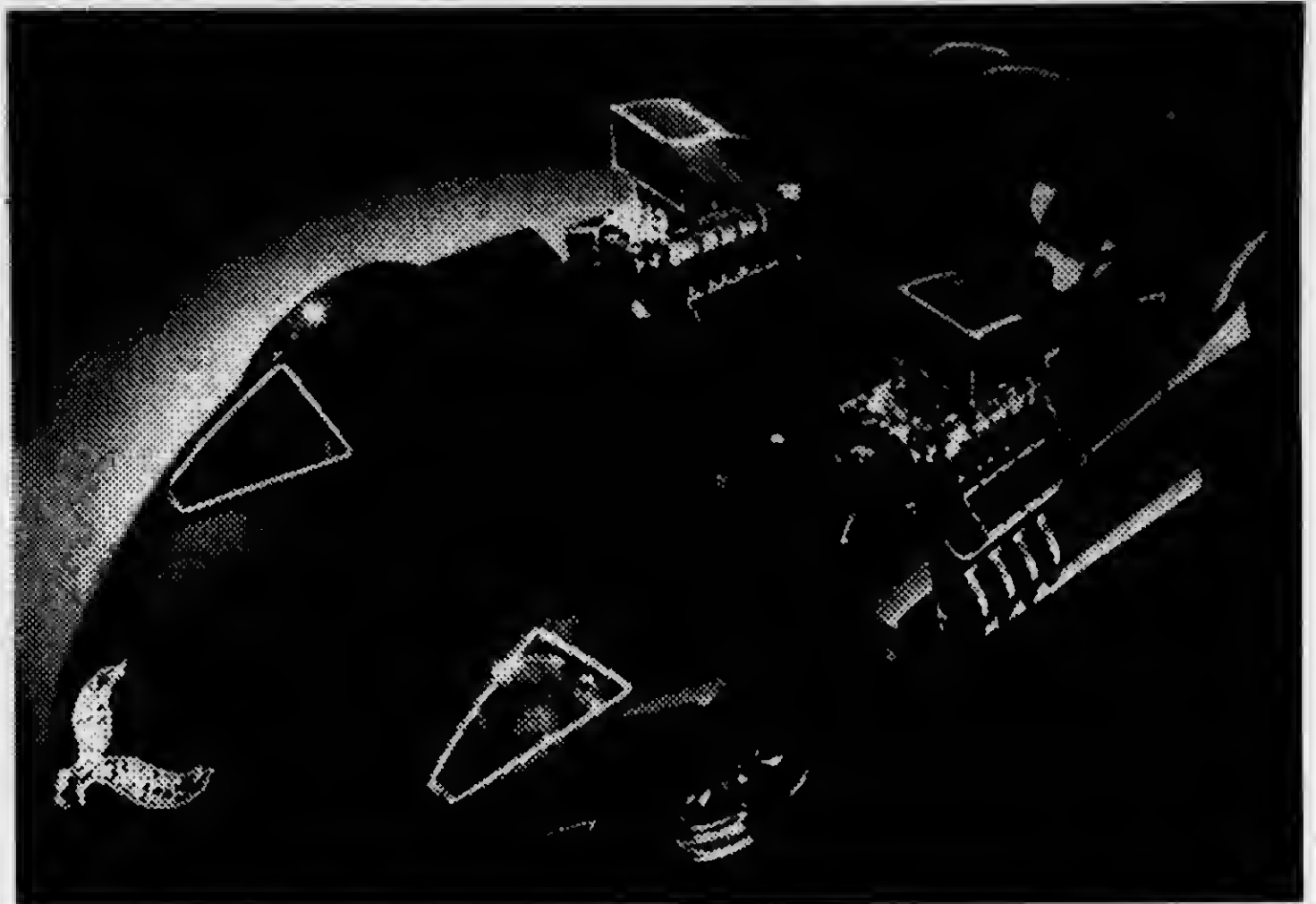
There'll also be High Action BMX Bike stunt shows,

and the first annual televised World of Wheels Talent Search, hosted by 70s recording artist Rock Krzeminski of Rock's Garage.

Part of the GM Performance Parts Show Car Series, World of Wheels event hours are: 5:00 to 10:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31; 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1 and 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and younger. Discounted tickets are available in advance of the show opening at all Chicago-area and Northwest Indiana Carquest Auto Parts stores. For additional information, call (708) 354-4014 or visit www.worldofwheels.com.

Career CPO Named Chief

Thomas J. Wakolbinger, a career law enforcement officer, is the new Chief of Law



The first-ever life-size Hot Wheels car ("Twin Mill" presented by Eagle One) and George Barris "Chrysler City Coupe" (bottom) will be two of the features at the 41st annual CARQUEST World of Wheels, January 31 - February 2, 2003, at Chicago's McCormick Place East

Enforcement for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, DNR Director Brent Manning announced today. "Tome Wakolbinger is a long-term professional within the agency who has demonstrated tremendous law enforcement, management and administrative abilities," Manning said. "He has the respect of our field officers and is simply one of our best." Wakolbinger, 49, of Springfield began his career in 1976 as a conservation police officer with Department assigned to Madison County and has risen through the ranks, holding a variety of posts since that time. He's been a mounted patrol officer, an information officer,

a district sergeant supervising officers in six counties, investigative unit commander, assistant deputy chief of field operations, deputy chief of support services, deputy chief of field operations and chief of field operations.

Wakolbinger is a 1999 graduate of the FBI National Academy. As chairman of a national committee, he oversaw the development and delivery of boat accident training for officers across the country and an information sharing program for accident information between the states and the U.S. Coast Guard. He also represented DNR in the past three union

contract negotiations. "I feel honored to be offered this opportunity and have tremendous respect for the professionalism of Illinois' Conservation Police Officers. Our focus remains on resource protection and public safety and my biggest challenge will be to continue to provide statewide enforcement coverage in the face of dwindling resources," Wakolbinger said. "Illinois CPOs, however, are a deeply dedicated group with an appreciation for our natural resources and a genuine love of the work they do. I am enthusiastic about our ability to meet the challenges of the future."



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Roberts completes basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Brendan D. Roberts of Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Roberts successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

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Orland Indoor Duathlon

Winter's chill won't keep duathlon enthusiasts from enjoying their sport. On Saturday, Feb. 22, the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Park Department will host its First Annual Indoor Duathlon at the village's Sportsplex Fitness Center.

Mander Deborah Graham. "This is a great way to stay competitive during the winter months," said Graham. "It promises to be very exciting." The duathlon is a 13-mile competition that includes a 1.5 mile run, a 10-mile stationary bike ride, and ending with a second 1.5 mile run. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place finishers, both men and women. All participants receive t-shirts. Pre-registration is required for the Orland Park Duathlon, the fee for which is \$10 for Sportsplex members, \$15 for Village of Orland Park residents and \$20 for non-residents.

To help competitors prepare for the duathlon, the

Sportsplex is offering a Duathlon Training Camp on Monday evenings, January 6 through February 14. Pre-registration is also required for the Duathlon Training Camp. The fee for the camp is \$30 for Village of Orland Park residents, \$45 for non-residents, and \$25 for Sportsplex members. For more information call (708) 645-PLAY.

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Ten-Year-old needs transplant

Ten-year-old Kyle Cortilet of Glendale Heights was the focus of a volunteer training session held Dec. 5, 2002. The training was the beginning of a fund raising campaign with the funds used to assist with Kyle's medical expenses. Kyle, born Dec. 18, 1992, was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis,

and doctors at the St. Louis Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, recommended a life-saving double lung transplant. Kyle and his family have temporarily relocated at St. Louis, at the request of the transplant team, to begin preparations for the transplant.

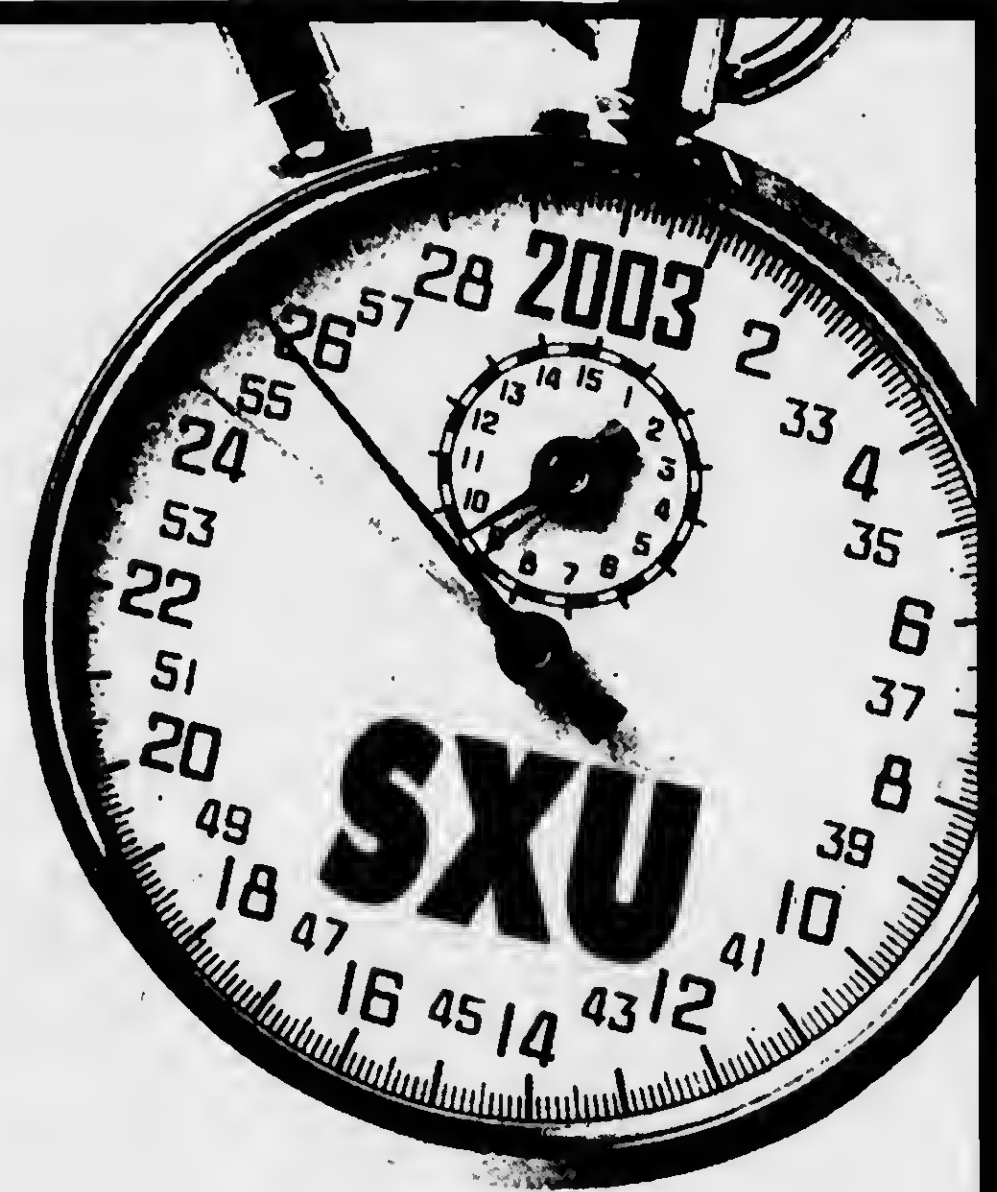
Volunteers are needed to assist with raising funds for Kyle's transplant-related expenses. Individuals and groups interested in more information can contact campaign manager, Mandy Terpstra at (616) 335-8568.

An estimated \$250,000 is needed for Kyle's transplant expenses, which include some post-transplant care. Tax-deductible donations may be made in person at any

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Square Dancers give toys to tots

The Swing'n Sugar Squares of Evergreen Park held a Toys for Tots drive at Swing'n Sugar Squares meet for Plus Level Square Dancing on Thursday evenings during the year at Central Junior High School in Evergreen Park. They welcome all square dancers or former square dancers to join in this

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(NAPS)—As it works to keep America's promise of a dignified and respectful burial for every veteran, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is also keeping its promise to America that national cemeteries will be maintained as shrines honoring all who have served in the U.S. military.

VA manages 120 national cemeteries in the United States and Puerto Rico, half of which date from the Civil War. As the median age of World War II veterans approaches 80, demand for national cemetery burial space will soon peak. VA plans to open new national cemeteries near Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, Detroit and in southern Florida during the next few years, and is committed to bringing its older cemeteries up to standards of appearance characteristic of the finest in the world.

"Each national cemetery is a national shrine that expresses the appreciation and respect of a grateful nation for the service and sacrifice of her veterans," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi said. "Our National Shrine Commitment program will insure that our national cemeteries rank among the best in the world."

VA surveyed cemeteries around the world to develop standards of appearance for national cemeteries and Congress has allocated funds for national shrine projects throughout the system, such as headstone repair, realignment and cleaning.

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marker, Presidential Memorial Certificate, U.S. flag and perpetual care of the national cemetery gravesite. It also opens and closes the grave at no cost to the veteran's family. National cemetery gravesites cannot be reserved in advance, but veterans and their families can prepare in advance by discussing cemetery options, collecting the veteran's military discharge papers and by calling the desired national cemetery to discuss details. At time of need, a funeral director or next of kin should contact the national cemetery where burial is desired.

The Department of Defense (DoD) is responsible for providing military funeral honors for veterans upon request and funeral directors can make arrangements with local veterans organizations. For information about the DoD Military Funeral Honors Program, write Military Funeral Honors, 9504 IH-35, Suite 320, San Antonio, TX 78233-6635, or go to the military funeral honors Web site at www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil.

Information on VA burial benefits is available at national cemetery offices, from the VA National Cemetery Administration Web site at www.cem.va.gov or by calling VA Regional Offices toll free on 1-800-827-1000.

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Making A Difference

Domestic Violence At Work is Everybody's Business

(NAPS)—While domestic violence may never touch your home, the issue has reached the workplace at every level.

Fifty-six percent of corporate leaders say they know an employee at their company who has been affected by the issue, according to a survey conducted by RoperASW for Liz Claiborne Inc. as part of the company's 11-year domestic violence awareness campaign. According to corporate leaders, when domestic violence affects one employee, the effects are felt company-wide. Many leaders believe that domestic violence has a harmful effect on employee attendance and physical safety.

Experts say there are steps you can take to raise awareness of the issue in your own workplace. For example:

- Encourage your employer to contact the National Workplace Resource Center on Domestic Violence (415-252-8900) for technical assistance and materials on domestic violence in the workplace.

- Talk to your Human Resources department about using posters and brochures, newsletter articles, employee training and/or brown-bag seminars to educate employees about domestic violence.

- If you suspect a coworker may be suffering from abuse, encourage her to talk to an outside expert or someone at work whom she trusts. She can contact

A recent survey found that:

- Most corporate leaders now rank domestic violence on par with terrorism (68 percent) as a major issue that affects society.
- They identified domestic violence as a major social issue (66 percent in 2002; 57 percent in 1994).
- They are also more likely to say that they are aware of employees affected by domestic violence (56 percent in 2002; 40 percent in 1994).
- Yet few think that corporations should play a major role in addressing the issue (12 percent in 2002 and 1994).

the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE, for information and local referrals. You may want to ask your employer about having the number posted around the office.

Most big companies have made some effort to address the issue of domestic violence with their employees: 78 percent of Fortune 1,000 leaders offer domestic violence counseling or assistance to their employees, according to the Liz Claiborne survey. But many corporate leaders hesitate to say they should play a major role in solving the problem.

"Domestic violence is everybody's problem, and everybody needs to help solve it—even CEOs," says Paul R. Charron, Chairman and CEO of Liz Claiborne Inc.

To learn more about the issue of domestic violence and Liz Claiborne Inc.'s efforts to stop it, visit www.loveisnotabuse.com.

This study was conducted by RoperASW via telephone, among a sample of 100 senior executives in Fortune 1000 companies across the United States. The results presented are representative of the views and opinions of this population of senior executives within a margin of sampling error of + - 9.8 percentage points on the totals.

TIPS ON TRIPS

All-Inclusive Vacations: What You Should Ask

(NAPS)—"All-inclusive" vacations are gaining favor as families try to stretch their budget while enjoying a memorable trip together. To avoid disappointment, it's a good idea to ask some simple questions before booking an all-inclusive family vacation.

"When you consider an all-inclusive vacation, remember that they are not all created equal," says Julia Ryan, vice president, Travelers Advantage. "All-inclusive vacations generally fall into one of three groups ranging from luxury to mid-range to economical travel. If you know what to ask up-front, you'll know which kind of trip you're paying for and understand what's included."

Six questions to ask before booking an all-inclusive family vacation:

1. Is your destination equipped to serve children? If so, is a Kids Club or similar daycare program provided as part of your package? Spending time in a Kids Club with children from all over the world can add a real international flavor to your child's vacation.

2. Ask what water sports and activities are included. Are motorized water sports, like jet or water skiing, included? Find out how extensive the equipment is—it's frustrating to look forward to an activity only to discover the equipment is always in use. Also ask if guided tours/excursions to interesting places near the resort are available, and whether there is an additional charge.

Programs like Travelers Advantage (www.travelersadvantage.com or 1-800-458-1028) pass special savings onto its members so they can save money on air travel, cruises, car rental and hotel accommodations, as well as earn 5 percent cash back on reservations booked with preferred providers. A three-month trial Travelers Advantage membership can be enjoyed for only \$1. The trial membership can be canceled at any time during the three-month trial period by calling toll free, and owing nothing further. Unless the member calls to cancel, the membership will be extended automatically for an entire year at the \$79.99 annual fee and automatically renewed annually upon expiration at the then-current annual fee, billed to a credit card account, without the member having to do anything further. Additionally, members may call toll free to cancel at any time and receive a pro-rata refund of their current membership fee.



All-Inclusive packages can add up to big savings for families traveling together.

3. Is there a refrigerator in the room and, if so, is there a charge for using food and drink stored in it? Some resorts stock the fridge at no charge to the consumer—a nice touch.

4. Is the menu kid-friendly? Are meals served buffet style (so everyone can choose what they want while they go through the line) or à la carte and served by a waiter (which may be better for parents with small children)?

5. Ask if there are any charges that have to be paid once you are on the trip. For example: Do you have to buy a bracelet for unlimited drinks from the bar or do you have to pay for each drink? Are drinks only free at meals? Is babysitting included or offered at a minimal cost? Remember, on an all-inclusive vacation, you are not expected to tip.

6. How big is the room? Does it have a balcony? Can you get a suite or connecting rooms?

To learn more, visit www.travelersadvantage.com or call 1-800-458-1028.

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NAPS—Pyrex Portables® Presents Jane & Michael Stern's Guide to Potluck. Entertaining covers tips for hosting and attending a potluck, as well as mouth-watering potluck recipes from the Sterns' own kitchen, such as Tropical Mango Salsa, Spicy Mahogany Chicken Wings, and Triple Chocolate Brownies. To ensure these and other delicious treats make it to their destination safely and without getting ruined, the Sterns recommend the use of Pyrex Portables® glass bakeware with snap-on, no-spill lids and insulated carrying cases with hot and cold packs. To receive a free copy of the brochure, send a business-sized self-addressed stamped envelope to: Pyrex Portables Potluck, c/o MCVR, 15 Meridian Road, Eatontown, NJ 07724.

This can be a good time to make sure your home has a workable early warning system to detect smoke or fire. That means making sure

your smoke alarms are working and installed in the right places. To maintain smoke alarms properly, Hartford safety experts suggest you test the units each month. A free booklet called *Fire Sense*:



A Smart Way to Prevent, Detect and Escape Home Fires is available by writing to: The Hartford, Fire Sense, 200 Executive Blvd., Southington, CT 06489 or by visiting www.thehartford.com/firesense.

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Butkus signs with Arizona

Stephanie Butkus, of Bridgeview, a senior at Queen of Peace High School, signed a National Letter of Intent to play with the University of Arizona Wildcats.

The 5'11 setter was a three-year all-conference selection, and this year led the Queen of Peace Pride with 52 service aces and 647 setter assists.



St. Camillus HNS member of the year

Ed Kozak (right), President, congratulates Gene Piatek on his being named member of the year of the St. Camillus Holy Name Society. Mr. Piatek received his award at the organization's Dec. meeting held recently in the parish's Kacprowski Hall. He has served the Society in many capacities over the past decades, including being the longtime Recording Secretary of the group. He has served the parish of St. Camillus as an usher for many, many years. He and his wife, Lillian, are longstanding residents of Chicago's Garfield Ridge community.

The three-time varsity volleyball starter for the Pride was named GCAC Player of the Year. She was also named to the All-State First Team of the Chicago Tribune and the Champaign News Gazette.

"Stephanie has grown as an athlete and a leader," said Jennifer Burns, Peace's varsity volleyball coach. "She has the ability to run a quick offense while at the same time being offensive herself. Steph will be a tremendous asset to Arizona."

Complementing Stephanie's athletic skill are her academic accomplishments. At Queen of Peace she is an honor student who ranks 9th in her class. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Worthbrook renovations

The Oak Lawn Park District has secured a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for renovation of its Worthbrook Park, located at 89th Place and Ridgeland Ave.

The renovation project - which will be completed by summer 2003 - includes construction of a picnic shelter, a path to the shelter, restrooms, fencing, a sand-volleyball court and a skate park with equipment. The IDNR matching grant approved in Dec. is for the amount of \$111,300.

In response to a request from young members of the community, the park district began planning a skate park for Worthbrook Park in spring 2002. The grant will help the project reach its final stages. The total estimated cost for the skate park and renovation of Worthbrook Park is \$213,500; the park district's capital-projects budget will cover the costs beyond the grant amount. For more information, please call (708) 847-2225 or e-mail

info@olparks.com.

Stickney township senior services

Stickney Township Office on Aging has many programs available to seniors in the Stickney Township area. Information and Assistance, senior center activities, congregate meals, home delivered meals, case management, the Community Care Program, elder abuse services, home maintenance, transportation, and health services. Please contact Stickney Township Office on Aging at (708) 636-8850 for more information.

Toy roadshow comes to Oak Lawn

The international toy collectors' association toy roadshow is coming to Oak Lawn. There will be over 5,400 collectors represented

Register now for Burbank programs

The Burbank Park District will be taking registration in all programs for residents January 3rd at

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buying toys, dolls, trains and musical instruments. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn in Oak Lawn, 4140 W. 95th St. on January 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. all four days. For more information (217)636-8012.

Women health

workshop

Blue Island-St. Francis Hospital & Health Center is holding a new wellness workshop for women: "Everyday Wellness for Women" for February American Heart Month. "Everyday Wellness for Women" workshop: St. Francis Hospital is holding this informative workshop on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 11-2:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Alsip located at 5000 W. 127th Street in Alsip. Cost \$40 includes luncheon. This workshop will include:

- Dr. Anu Chadha, M.D., rheumatologist will discuss women's bone health issues including prevention of osteoporosis, newest screening and diagnostic treatment options
- * Heart Risk Appraisal &

Newcastle Park, 8050 S. Newcastle. Registration for non-residents will begin on January 10th. Please call (708) 599-2070 if you have any questions.

The Burbank Park District will be offering several new classes including a self defense class for women, Micro Sports Bug for children ages 3-4 years, Parent Child art class Seniors art at the park, and a Wedding Dance workshop, just to name a few.

Assessment to identify your cardiac risk factors and assess overall cardiac health

- Pam Johnson, B.S., Wellness Specialist will introduce Pilates and the NIA technique for overall mind, body, and spirit wellness.

- Laura Yurisich, M.S., will present an American Cancer Society presentation including wellness issues: breast health, colorectal cancer, and fitness/nutrition.

Guys and Dolls comes to Beverly Arts Center

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation will present the classic Damon Runyon musical fable of gamblers and their gals in 1950's New York City "Guys and Dolls" at the new Beverly Arts Center March 27-30.

Auditions will be at the Beverly Arts Center 2407 W. 111 Street in Chicago:

- Sunday January 12 2:00-5:00
- Tuesday January 14 7:00-9:30
- Thursday January 16 7:00-9:00 Dancing Call Backs Only
- Sunday January 19 2:00-5:00 Final Call Backs

Be prepared to sing a song from the show. If dancing, wear proper attire. Rehearsals will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Questions: call Bob and Cindy St. Aubin (708) 371-6414.

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation has been awarding college scholarships to local high school students for 78 years. Last year the 1000th scholarship was presented. The total value over these many years exceeds \$500,000.00.

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Queen of Peace Entrance Exam

Queen of Peace High School will hold its Entrance Exam for eighth grade girls on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 8 a.m., 7659 S. Linder in Burbank. Students should bring a calculator, two #2 pencils and a \$20 test fee. No preregistration is necessary.

In order to be considered for admission and academic scholarships, eighth grade girls must take the Entrance Exam at Queen of Peace. For more information, call Mary Annerino, director of recruiting, at (708) 458-7600, Ext. 292, or visit www.queenofpeacehs.org.

Mother McAuley Announces State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently announced the Illinois State Scholars for the year 2003. Of this year's Scholars, 54 are students at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School. Although program participation by high schools is voluntary, nearly all participate and Illinois top students elect to have test scores and academic information sent to ISAC for consideration in this popular program. Approximately 10 percent of Illinois high school seniors are designated state scholars and receive a Certificate of Achievement for the accomplishment.

In order to enter the competition, high school students must take the ACT and/or SAT I college entrance examination between Sept. 1 and June 30 of their junior year of high school and have the scores sent to ISAC. Generally, selection of State Scholars is based on a combination of their test scores and their academic achievement. Most scholars have plans to continue their education after high school.

The following seniors have been recognized as State scholars at McAuley: Amy Bartokowial, Dana

Bogolin, Mary Brennan, Amy Bruno, Kelly Callahan, Ern Carey, Megan Casey, Kristin Casper, Lauren Chibe, Ashley Colby, Elizabeth Dabrowski, Bridget Deiters, Kathleen Eberhardt, Rebecca Fandl, Natalie Flaherty, Rebecca Fandl, Natalie Flaherty, Brittney Fletcher, Grisel Gamboa, Leslee Heinlen, Elizabeth Hickey, Seana Higgins, Denise Hill, Linda Januszyk, Anupam Jayaram, Emily Johnson, Carolyn Kelly, Theresa Kurzeja, Hannah Lawler, Nora Leahy, Margaret Linnane, Margaret Mason, Meghan McCarthy, Anne McNamee, Alina Meile, Beth Meyers, Keeley Mui, Megan Murphy, Sandra Naegele, Julia Neville, Julie Nossem, Karyn Panek, Catherine Pirman, Susan Recchia, Jennifer Reed, Kathleen Reilly, Lindsey Reiser, Mary Rohan, Kathleen Rudolph, Lynn Schmitt, Elizabeth Tangel, Lisa Triezenberg, Keely Van Haren, Kaitlyn Walsh, Danielle Weliczko and Kathryn White.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again, the generous people in the Chicago area have played a big part in the world's largest international Christmas project for children. I'm happy to report that Operation Christmas Children collected over 32,493 gift-filled showboxes in the West Chicago Collection Center, Nov. 18-25. We trucked these boxes to the processing center in Minneapolis, and they are now on their way to children around the world.

It is heartwarming to see that even in these challenging economic times people abandon their own concerns and find a way to reach out to those less fortunate.

As a result of such generosity, Operation Christmas Child is sending gifts to 6 million children in 100 countries. For many boys and girls, these will be the only gifts they receive this Christmas. On behalf of Operation Christmas Child, I want to express out thanks to all the volunteers throughout the Chicago area who helped with collection. We are grateful to all of the churches, schools and organizations for participating in the project this year. Most of all, I want to thank everyone who packed a shoebox. You can be sure your gift will bring the joy of Christmas to the life of a child. Though the drop-off location is closed until next Nov., it's not too late to send gifts to a child overseas. Boxes are received year-round at Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, N.C., 28607. For information on packing a shoebox, go online to www.samaritanaspurse.org or call (800) 353-5949.

Fashion show at Hilton

Will co-host a Winter Wedding Faire and Fashion Show on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Fashion Show at 8:00p.m.

Exclusives For The Bride, 311 W. Superior, Chicago, and Eva's Bridals of Oak Lawn along with Black Tie Formal Wear of Oak Lawn, with branches in Orland Park, Matteson and South Holland will be showing their latest bridal attire. Music by Tone Productions, Oak Lawn.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than fifty exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for fabulous door prizes and take a tour of the hotels suites and Tower Room. Every girl touring the suites receives a chance to win an overnight in our Jacuzzi Suite! Special discounts are available to show attendees. Book any one of the Hotel's three Honeymoon Packages the evening of the Bridal Show to receive a 20 discount.

The Grand Prize, an all-

inclusive Dream Vacation to one of the fabulous Sandals Resorts in Jamaica, is provided by Sandals Resort and Janis Anne Travel, Inc. of Oak Lawn. This fabulous prize will be given away to one lucky bride after the fashion show. Airfare is not included. Winner must be present to win. An express Menu will be available in Whitney Restaurant from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. The Hilton Gift Shoppe will be open until 7:00p.m.

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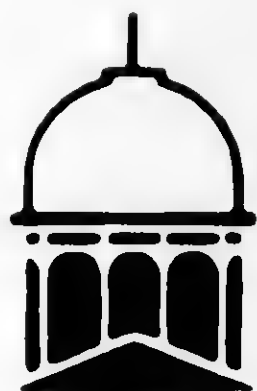
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